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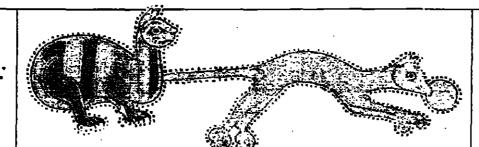
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Puzzle Russia warns of 'national catastrophe'

Army command set for Azerbaijan showdown

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

were heading for a show-down with Muslim forces blockading Azerbaijan last night as the Government declared the country was on the brink of a national catastrophe.

At least three soldiers were reported killed as fighting raged in villages and border regions.

Militants setting up road-

blocks were firing on troops and observers said the 24,000 reservists, interior ministry and KGB troops sent in to calm the situation were likely to open fire soon unless the violence abated.

President Gorbachov yesterday denounced extremists and Muslim fundamentalists for fanning ethnic hatred and promised in a Kremlin speech to do whatever was needed to stop the situation worsening. And the Central Committee

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Rajneesh dies

The Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the free-love guru from India whose pop psychology drew thousands of pink-clad followers to his commune in Oregon, has died in India yesterday at the age of 58.

Gulliver goes

Mr James Gulliver is resigning as chairman of Lowndes Queensway, the furniture group which was rescued from the brink of insolvency last

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Soviet army commanders of the party, the Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government issued an urgent appeal to Armenians and Azerbaijanis to listen to the voice of reason, curb extremists, support law enforcement bodies and the Soviet troops. Otherwise, they said, "today's tragedy may turn into tomor-

row's national catastrophe." The appeal said the country could not tolerate irresponsible criminal actions, violence and vandalism, and

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spoke of a wave of righteous indignation sweeping over the

"No-one has the right to speculate on national feelings, to push people toward blind hatred and madness." Izvestia yesterday reported

that Iranian Azeris were supplying weapons and political support to their fellow Muslims in Azerbaijan, and said thousands had crossed the Soviet-Iran frontier in both directions around the Nakhichevan and Dzhalilabad districts.

The newspaper said pontoon bridges had been set up across the Araks River, and large consignments of arms and ammunition were about to be shipped across.

Nationalist leaders claimed that they controlled the situation all over Azerbaijan. They said they were manning checkpoints on all the main roads, and people were following their orders.

In Baku, the capital, Soviet soldiers have been prevented from taking control of the city by militants who have parked buses and lorries across the main streets. Army commanders in Moscow said they would take resolute action -presumably opening fire - if

reaching the centre of Baku. There were further demonstrations outside the Communist Party headquarters, demanding the withdrawal of all Soviet troops. Local Popuarmy must not intervene.

Tass said the situation had worsened over the past 24 hours, during which the of ficial death toll rose to 72. Extremists in both republics had seized hostages, both civilian and military. More veapons and ammunition had also been captured in

The newspaper Komsom olskaya Pravda said yesterday that if the masses did not calm down, it could soon lead to what it called "unpredictable events". Another paper, Trud, said some Azerbaijanis had threatened to lie down in front of oncoming tanks.

The army has set up special tribunals to deal with those arrested for instigating violence and arson, and more than 200 people have been detained.

But Tass said that extremists appeared to be increasing their actions. Three trainloads of soldiers were held up and servicemen have been threatened and jeered. In the town of Massaly, a goup of "hoodlums" beseiged the local police station for two hours and demanded the police surrender power.

The situation was also worsening in Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian-populated enclave that is the main source of friction between the two republics, with dwindling supplies of food and an increasingly tight blockade all around.

A further 500 Soviet soldiers were flown into the needed to face the growing concentration of Azerbaijanis determined to assert their they were still prevented from control over the hilly area.

Kasparov 'spirited his family out of Baku'

Madrid (Reuter) - The world chess champion, Gary Kas-parov, has told of his dramatic escape from Baku, spiriting away relatives on a speciallychartered aircraft.

"My departure was the stuff movies are made of," he told the Spanish newspaper, El Pais, shortly after arriving in Moscow on Thursday. "Some friends managed to

send a chartered plane to Baku and I spirited away 60 people, including most of my relatives. I saved their lives by miracle," Mr Kasparov, who is half-Armenian and half-Jewish, said. "Reaching the airport with Azeri rebels trying to block all accesses was quite an odyssey, and I didn't television is nothing comfeel safe until I could hold my pared to the inferno I've just

By Kerry Gill

A cache of whisky removed from the

wreck of the SS Politician, which sank off

the Isle of Eriskay nearly 50 years ago, prompting Sir Compton Mackenzie's

novel Whisky Galore, has been discov-

ered under the floor of a croft on the

The four bottles were only found

during repairs by the owner, Mr David

Barston, when a floorboard suddenly

popped up near to the spot where he was

working disclosing the bottles of White

"It was a very skilled piece of joinery.

You would not have known it was

there," Mr Barston, a former blacksmith

and firmiture maker from Lancashire,

said. "There were two full-sized bottles

neighbouring island of Barra.

Horse whisky.



Gary Kasparov: "I saved their lives by a miracle."

Mr Kasparov, aged 27, added: "Pm stunned by the atrocities I've seen in the past five days. What you saw on gone through."

Protest crushed as Gatting rebels fly in



Put to flight: Johannesburg police using dogs to break up a demonstration at Jan Smuts airport against the tour of the rebel cricket team led by Mike Gatting

Retail prices ease fears of rise in interest rates

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

that inflation has stabilized to be raised again.

But, while the retail price index only rose by a season-ally-adjusted 0.3 per cent to 118.8 (base 1980) last month, giving an unchanged year-onyear increase of 7.7 per cent, bank lending, money supply and consumer spending figures appeared to signal a setback in cooling down the mists fear that it is likely to

Better-than-expected retail economy. City forecasters had support to the view of Mr 7.9 per cent, or even 8 per John Major, the Chancellor, cent, fuelling pay demands still further and threatening to and helped to assuage fears wreck the Government's antithat interest rates might have inflation strategy. In his

Fall report...

final quarter.

autumn statement, Mr Major

had forecast 7.5 per cent in the While price changes in the

pipeline point to a possible dip in the inflation rate in the next month or so, many econo-

stay above / per cent for much prices data yesterday gave anticipated the RPI rising to of the year before coming down seriously. The chances of achieving Mr Major's forecast of 5.75 per cent inflation in the final

> Mr Alan Beith, for the Liberal Democrats, said: These figures have blown sky high the Government's predictions in the autumn statement for inflation in 1990."

quarter are seen as limited.

He said the Government had itself stoked up wage inflation and neither its forecasts nor its anti-inflation policies remained credible.

Whole future of tour is in doubt

From Richard Streeton and Ray Kennedy, Johann Jurg

yesterday as peaceful antiapartheid demonstrations greater protection. were broken up by police using tear gas and dogs just before Mike Gatting's team arrived at Jan Smuts Airport, near Johannesburg.

Among the demonstrators was Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress leader who is expected to

be released at any time. The 16 English cricketers looked tired and tense after their overnight flight, which was delayed for three hours at

How much

The unofficial English cricket Heathrow by beath scares. tour to South Africa was The party was quickly moved changed overnight to allow

> The Jan Smuts demonstration, involving about 150 protesters, resulted in 20

British legacy... Tour doubts ...

people being injured and 10 arrested. The first reaction from officials of the South African Cricket Union was that the seven-week tour would continue, but the violence has left them shaken

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diers were flown into the region, but many more are SNP pressure over judges scandal

By Kerry Gill and Sheila Guun

alleged homosexual behaviour of some Scottish High Court

Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of

Session. He asked on what date Mr

lying flat and two half-bottles standing

up in the corner at the back. However,

some of the whisky had evaporated

because the seals on the corks had worn

The bottles may well have been hidden

Whisky from the wreck changes hands

in 1941 and forgotten as the years went

for considerable sums of money. Two

years ago, eight bottles from the ship,

which foundered in a gale in the Sound of Eriskay in 1941, fetched £4,000 when

Mr Barston, however, said he was not

"I will probably put one into the local

interested in selling. The bottles, he said,

museum, and perhaps another at the

airport, where I work as a part-time

auctioned at Christie's.

belonged to the island.

would require the resignation of serving members. He also called for information about meetings between Mr Rifkind or Lord Fraser, the Lord Lord President of the Court of

Mr Jim Sillars, the Scottish who informed him. Mr Nationalist MP for Glasgow Rifkind is expected to answer Govan, yesterday increased next week. Lord Dervaid rehis pressure for further gov-ernment disclosures on the qustioned about alleged

In a a series of Commons ment on behalf of Lord Fraser. written questions he asked Mr the Lord Advocate. It said: State for Scotland, whether a responsible for investigation practising homosexual within and prosecution of crime the law would be barred from made known to him. No nomination and appointment information or complaint has to the Court of Sessions or been provided to him which

Advocate, with Lord Hope, been conveyed to him has Rifkind was informed that be made have been made. Lord Dervaird was resigning They have revealed no basis from the Court of Session; and Continued on page 16, col 7

sure over scandal md Sheila Gunn who informed him. Mr Rifkind is expected to answer next week. Lord Dervaid resigned last month after being qustioned about alleged homosexual behaviour. Last night the Crown Office in Edinburgh issued a statement on behalf of Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate. It said: "The Lord Advocate is responsible for investigation and prosecution of crime made known to him. No information or complaint has been provided to him which would allow him to instruct any police force or procurator fiscal to carry out a criminal investigation. "Any rumour which has been conveyed to him has contained no sufficient specification for such instructions, But what checks could be made have been made. They have revealed no basis Continued on page 16, col 7 do you have to invest before someone in the

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0BA, Or telephone (01) 623 4680.

A tot of whisky galore under the floor fireman. I will keep the others," he said. The croft has been empty for the past four years. Before that, it belonged to the Macdonald family, in which there were three brothers who were fishermen. The SS Politician was en route for Jamaica when it sank. Its cargo of more than 260,000 bottles of whisky was looted by islanders in spite of efforts by the authorities to recover them.

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There were 40 arrests at the time and 15 people received jail sentences.

A Glasgow-based company is hoping to salvage the remaining whisky from the vessel, but has experienced difficulties in raising the £500,000 necessary to pay for the operation.

A spokesman for White Horse said it would be interested in acquiring one of

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By Philip Webster and Tim Jones

out a denial of reports that it position. was ready to increase its pay

The confusion came as aide had taken no part in the union leaders were mounting discussions or the negotiaa nationwide counter-attack to tions on the dispute. prevent growing calls for an all out strike.

ministers of plunging the af-fair into a "thick fog" after Mr fortunately the situation has Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, issued a There is no more money on overall strategy face a stern statement yesterday morning. in response to the reports, in tion of a formula for the pay of which he said: "There is no more money on offer."

had to deny some newspaper reports of a briefing which he had given to Sunday newspaper correspondents.

Yesterday he had to react after one of his junior aides told journalists nonattributably that the offer could be increased if the unions dropped their demand for a salary mechanism guaranteeing automatic inflationproofed rises. The source was by briefing journalists one day row airport.

Department of Health said the breakthrough.

In any event the reports were damaging to the Governmoved swiftly to state: "Un- perception of the dispute. not changed in the last week. offer. There can be no quesambulancemen and women."

The Government was deep-Eleven days ago Mr Clarke ly embarrassed by the reports. Mr Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, said: "They have been and done it again. If the Department of Health has learnt nothing about industrial relations, I would have hoped by now they would have learnt something about

public relations. "They cannot continue to

The Government faced reclearly speaking out of turn, and denying it the next. What newed attack last night for its and angered Mr Clarke, but it wornes me about this latest handling of the ambulance was unclear yesterday whether outbreak of thick fog is that dispute as it was forced for the the source was giving an the department are now deny-second time in 11 days to rush accurate account of the true ing that they would offer even the department are now denyanother 2%. If they are going However in a further move to continue to stonewall there offer of a basic 9 per cent over to undermine the reports the is not going to be any

The unions claimed the confusion which prompted Mr Clarke's statement was deliberately engineered by Whitehall to "muddy the wa-Labour leaders accused ment's stance, and Mr Clarke ters" and blur the public's

> Union leaders, who next Thursday will meet to discuss test on Tuesday when a number of shop stewards from the London service are expected to demand a national ballot for an all-out strike.

About 40 ambulancemen who since last Wednesday had barricaded themselves into Hillingdon station were ordered yesterday by a High Court judge to allow management access to the premises. A spokesman for the London Ambulance Service said the action was taken because get away with making the Hillingdon is one of the dispute more difficult to solve stations which serves Heath-

Marsh is remanded in custody

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Terry Marsh, the former world light-welterweight box-ing champion, was last night in Wormwood Scrubbs prison after being remanded in custody charged with attempting to murder Mr Frank Warren, his former manager, and pos-session of 10 rounds of 9 mm

A large crowd gathered outside Barking Magistrates' Court in east London for Mr Marsh's arrival, a few hundred yards from the street where Mr Warren was shot last November.

Mr Marsh was charged on Thursday night after be was arrested at Gatwick airport after a trip the United Styates. Mr Marsh, aged 31, was brought from Hackney police

station to the cells at Barking before 6am. Dressed in a purple and black tracksuit he was led into court to appear before Mrs Dorothy Revington, chairman of the bench, and two other magistrates. Mrs Maisie Marsh, his

mother, sat at the back of the small public gallery packed with reporters.Mr Ambrose Mendy - Mr Marsh's manager – and Nigel Benn, the leading British middleweight boxer and a friend of Mr Marsh, were also present.

Det Supt Jeff Rees, heading the investigation, stood at the back of the court as Mrs Revington told Mr Marsh: "Stand up lad," and remanded



Terry Marsh is shielded by police as he leaves court after being remanded in custody.

Tory poll tax attack rejected

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Correspondent bitter political dispute erupted yesterday over ministerial claims that Labour councils had been deliberately inflating the cost of the community charge in the hope of causing resentment against

the Government. Labour leaders labelled the accusation a "deception" as ministers went on the offensive after the community charge cleared its final hurdle in the Commons on Thursday despite a big rebellion by Conservative MPs.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman urged councils to cut back their budgets to reduce the charge they will have to levy when the tax comes into operation in April.

Mr Baker, questioned on BBC Radio, said the Government had documentary evidence that Labour local authorities were lumping vari-ous items of expenditure on to the budget and then blaming the Government for the level of the poli tax.

Dr John Cunningham, Labour's campaigns co-or-dinator, dismissed the Tory suggestion, however, describing it as "a deplorable

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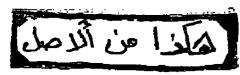
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TWA For the best of America Peers to avoid

abortion clash

informally not to change the right to abortion through amendments to the Warnock legislation on human embryo experiments (Sheila Gunn writes).

The House of Lords will leave it to MPs to decide whether the abortion laws should be changed within the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill when it reaches the Commons in the spring.

Whips in both Houses have been examining ways to minimize televised clashes this session over the issue of abortion and, in an unprecedented move, they have decided to run the Warnock Bill in the Lords in tandem with a private Bill, introduced by the Labour peer Lord Houghton of Sowerby. The device would enable the Lords to make clear its view on abortion without disrupting the Warnock

Although Lord Houghton's Abortion (Amendment) Bill has little chance of becoming law, MPs will have the choice of transferring its provisions to the Warnock legislation or making their own amendments. It brings forward the time limit for abortion from 28 to 24 weeks.

Helicopter saves six

The six-man crew of the St Simon, a trawler owned by the Colne Fishing Company of Lowestoft, was winched from. liferafts into rescue helicopters yesterday after abandoning the 197-tonne vessel when it capsized in rough seas. Two RAF helicopters flew to the scene in the North Sea 80 miles east of Bridlington as a Dutch Navy maritime patrol aircraft monitored the rescue operation and relayed information to coastguards. None of the men was injured.

Transport jobs lost

to lose their jobs after a review of its subsidiary company, SBG Engineering. The company's workshops at Edinburgh and Motherwell will stop trading on March 2, with 86 employees in Edinburgh, 97 in Motherwell and 12 at the company's head office being made redundant. Workshops in Inverness, Kilmarnock and Kirkcaldy are being transferred to subsidiary companies.

Fox hunting protest

Animal rights activists from Scotland and northern England will join forces today to protest against Scotland's largest fox hunt, the Borders-based Duke of Buccleuch's Foxhounds. The action is being organized by the Hunt Saboteur's Association which says it will be one of its largest protests to date and will demonstrate the increasing strength of the antiblood sports movement. Hunters and saboteurs will meet for the start of the hunt at the village of Ashkirk.

Greenpeace victory

Six members of the environmental pressure group Greenpeace walked free from court yesterday after charges connected with their attempt to stop the dumping of ash into the North Sea were dropped. Magistrates in Ashington, Northumberland, were told they had boarded the National Power ship MVA about 350 miles off the north-east coast on Tuesday and forced it to change course. National Power has temporarily suspended dumping.

Cowardice not proved

The Director of Public Prosecutions says there is insufficient evidence to take action against two police officers accused of cowardice during a New Year's Eve riot. One of the two policemen, who was suspended during the investigation, has been reinstated. The case arose from a riot at Chudleigh, Devon, in which three police officers were injured. A newspaper claimed that the two officers sat in their patrol car while their colleagues were being attacked.

Scots group attacks 'loss of democracy'

Scotland is hamstrung by an Claim of Right, designed to archaic constitutional system that ties it to a minority government stuck in a timewarp and is denied real democracy, the country's Home Rule pressure group was told yesterday.

Europe was changing by the hour, but Scotland was forced to live in the past under the yoke of Westminster, Canon Kenyon Wright told members of the Scottish Constitutional Convention meeting in Glasgow. More than 300 people, including MPs, churchmen, trade unionists and councillors, attended the third full meeting of the convention since it was established almost a year ago with the signing of a

put Scotland firmly on the path towards home rule. The convention has at

tempted to mobilize opinion

in favour of a separate Scottish parliament, with substantial economic and fiscal powers, in spite of being condemned by the Conservatives and boycotted by the Scottish National Party.



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Other boroughs to suffer badly from the slump in house per cent) and Richmond (down 19 per cent).

Docklands estate agent Mr John Brown of Carlton Smith and Partners confirmed the London Research Centre find-The confrontation in a country lane ings. He recently sold a modended with him appearing before magistrates at Exmouth, Devon, when em three-bedroomed house in Waveney Close, Tower Hamhe agreed to be bound over to keep the lets for £135,000. In February 1988, the same property was peace for a year and was ordered to valued at £165,000.

pay £25 costs. Yesterday, Mr New-

Tory poll tax attack rejected for the following the follow of soldier husband'

The wife of a soldier serving in O'Neil befriended Mr Wilson serving in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland was pre- and his wife Helen and occa- She said she was prepared to pared to pay £40,000 to have sionally stayed at their house pay him £40,000 if he arhim murdered so that she in Coventry, where she told ranged Corporal O'Neil's could collect compensation them how much better it would be if her husband were from the Army and money from his life insurance, a court dead. He said: "At first they took little notice, but the But the man Catherine remarks were repeated and O'Neil believed would carry

they became more extreme. She knew that if Corporal an undercover policeman playing the role of potential O'Neil died while she was still his legal wife, she would inherit the money which would arise from his death. Not only was it life insurance, but if he died while he was still have half of the £60,000 she a serving soldier, a considerable sum of money would be payable from Army funds to the next of kin."

Mr Stokes said Mr Wilson became so concerned that he contacted the police. He added: "It was arranged that a police officer would adopt the role of potential assassin and, through David Wilson, a meeting was arranged."

Constable Ellis met Mrs O'Neil in the Golden Fleece prosecution, said the couple public House in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, He years of marriage and Mrs O'Neil became embittered was equipped with a hidden microphone to record the conversation, but the juke box was playing so loudly that the tape recording was drowned

Mr Stokes said Mrs O'Neil plainly believed that Constable Ellis was a member of an organization capable of should not be disclosed. bringing about the death of The trial continues on her husband, who was then Monday.

death and, although she was given every opportunity to back out, she had said: "I want him dead, just dead", and told him where in Northern Ireland her husband was serving.

In May, a second meeting was arranged at the Hare and Squirrel in Coventry. Mrs O'Neil claimed £250 was available as down payment on the contract. When Constable Ellis, calling himself Joe, asked if she was sure about the contract and whether she wanted to change her mind. she had replied: 'Yes, I want

Shortly afterwards she was arrested and told police that after the first meeting she was too frightened to back out.

Corporal O'Neil told the

court he had six civilian life insurance policies and an Army policy. He would have been worth £120,000 dead. Later, he agreed he had stopped paying the premiums of his Army policy, but had not told anyone. He had also changed an Army next-of-kin form to make his parents

Mr Justice Tucker ordered that the addresses of Mrs

Exam standards

A-level success in 31 days

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

coached two teenage boys through a Business Studies Alevel course in 31 days said yesterday that the examination was too easy.

was told yesterday.

Court was told.

band was killed.

out the murder contract was

assassin, Birmingham Crown

Mrs O'Neil is alleged to

have told him that he could

expected to receive from the

Army and money from other

insurance policies, if her hus-

Mrs O'Neil, aged 42, denies

two charges of soliciting, en-

couraging or endeavouring to persuade Philip Ellis to mur-

der her estranged husband, Corporal Terence O'Neil, of

the Royal Regiment of Fu-

siliers, last year. Mr Michael Stokes, for the

had separated in 1988 after 12

about her failure to get him to

court to make him pay

By last January, she had formed the intention that she

wanted her husband dead and

was to say as much to David

Wilson, the presenter of a

Mr Stokes said that Mrs

telenhone chatline service.

David Mason, from New-castle and Anthony Griffiths from Oxford yesterday received results slips confirming they had passed the examination which they sat in November after 31 days of part-time study. The boys, both aged 18, are studying for other A-levels, and neither

had tackled the subject before. The course they followed set by the Associated Examining Board - is the most popular A-level Business are a crammer and we do have cation and Science, has ap-Studies course in England, attracting 10,000 candidates a

Mr Christopher Sivewright,
Director of Studies at the Oxford School of Learning, a "cramming college" where both boys studied, said yesterday:"Naturally we are very pleased for them.

"But one does have to question the validity of an examination which can be passed after so little study. This qualification has the same status as an A-level in

A teacher who successfully Physics - it does give one rate for the 850 candidates in pause for thought."

a grade E, his success had its me that it was too easy," he price. Mr Sivewright had of-said. "It is not in anyone's David, who obtained a D devalued.

grade, said: "I have to agree standard of the exam. Some people study for an exam for two years and then do not get it. We took 30 days from scratch. It is a farce."

pass exams."

pushy, intensive teaching, but 31 days is ridiculous."

college after getting low A-level grades at school, and their grades in this examination are unlikely to win them university places - in spite of the remarkable speed of their sities require three passes at

grade C or above. Mr Peter Stanbrook, head of education at the Associated board, denied that the examination was too easy. The pass University.

November had been 61.4 per For Anthony, who obtained cent. "That does not suggest to fered to charge only half fees if interests to to set low standards. The subject becomes

"Obviously we would be with Mr Sivewright about the concerned if the majority of candidates were doing the subject in this way and passing, but I think these two were exceptional."

A pioneering scheme to David said he was not an bring foreign graduates to exceptional scholar. "Mr Sive-teach in British classrooms wright knows exactly how to has received government backing. Mr John MacGre Mr Sivewright added: "We Secretary of State for Eduproved the £100,000 plan by three Midland councils to Both boys went to the recruit 15 graduates of Euro-

pean universities. They would teach mathematics and sciences. and double up in their native

Warwickshire, Solibull and course - since most univer- Coventry councils would recruit the graduates to work in secondary schools on two-year contracts during which they would also receive teacher training from Warwick Judge Pickles at his impromptu press conference in a public house in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, was branded "an ancient dinosaur living in the wrong age" in an extraordinary attack yesterday by Judge Pickles, whose decision to imprison a young mother and her three-month-old child for shop theft was overturned by the Court of Appeal earlier this week (David Sapsted writes).

"I think the old guard have had their way for too long, and they feel they are worried because we are going to reform things. We will win," the judge said.

Lord Lane presided at the hearing which replaced the prison term with a probation order. He criticized Judge Pickles for appearing more concerned with the public import of what he was doing, rather than with the justice of the case.

Yesterday, Judge Pickles returned from a holiday in Lanzarote and launched the outspoken attack on the Lord Chief Justice in an impromtu press conference in a public house in Wake-field, West Yorkshire. "I have criticized

him in my latest book, I hope in moderate terms, for not doing his job properly.

"I have no doubt that he and others in the senior judiciary resent the fact that I and others, including the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, are trying to reform the judiciary and the legal system," the judge said, adding that he considered Lord Lane to be a good lawyer.

But he said: "He is like one of those ancient dinosaurs who is living in the wrong age, in my respectful view."

Common frog abandons country home

Frogs, newts and toads in Britain's ponds could be facing a national crisis, according to a new survey.

If the trend continues, the days when children could collect frogs' spawn in a jar from the village pond could be drawing to a close.

The £90,000 six-year research, funded by the Nature Conservancy Council, has found an alarming decline in the number of sites capable of sustaining any amphibian life. Volunteers aged from five to 90 visited 6,500 ponds, lakes, been abandoned for no apparent reason.

water sites. They had expected to find but discovered the once ubiquitous common frog in only half that number, one fifth contained common toads and smooth newts and one tenth had palmate newts. The results will be published

Dr Mary Swan, of Leicester Polytechnic, the survey co-ordinator, said: "We expected to find frogs wherever there was water." Many apparently healthy ponds throughout Britain had

although local people remembered seefrogs, toads and newts in eight out of 10 ing frogs and newts in the past. In other places, the ponds themselves had disappeared.

Dr Swan said we appeared to be making the countryside inhospitable to them. "These animals should be ubiquitous and common. They are adaptable and require minimum consideration."

Dr Arnold Cook, amphibian specialist with the Nature Conservancy Council, claimed there were still millions of frogs in Britain. They had become suburban animals living in garden ponds.



On your marks.

The Commonwealth

Games start on Thursday in Auckland, New Zealand, Don't miss The Times expert analysis and the essential guide to the athletics events -

 And in The Times on Monday, Bernard Levin writes on the injustice of prejudice: "When will the British grow up? It is not a tragedy that some Scottish judges are

homosexuals, any more

than that some are left-

handed . . . '

Two share prize of £2,000

yesterday's Portfolio Plat-

Mrs Patricia Adams of Bromley in Kent was "rather overwhelmed" by her good luck. "I never expected to win anything," she said. "I do the competition every day - but only for the fun of it." She plans to invest the money for her four-month-old granddaughter, Jasmine.

Mrs Adams shares the prize with Mrs Jean Anderson of Stretham, near Ely in Cambridgeshire. Each receives £1,000.

Fossil fish hailed as major find

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

A 140-million-year-old skeleton of an ichthyosaurus, a lizard-like fish, discovered below a cliff in Dorset_could be from a previously unknown

The man who for of A, Mr Peter Langham, say 15 e skeleton, from the upper durassic period, is in very good con-

Mr Langham, owner of Lyme Regis, said only one other specimen of such condition existed and this was on display at the British

Excellent examples have been unearthed and documented in Dorset but these date from the earlier lower Jurassic period. Mr Langham said recent

storms and powerful tides had led to to his discovery at Kimmeridge after the elements stripped the beach clean of

House cost in London drops 10%

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

−≱ House prices in London dropped by an average 10 per cent last year, bringing the average price down to £86,800, the lowest since the beginning of 1988, the London Research Centre reports in its quarterly bulletin.

The largest annual fall was in Tower Hamlets, where prices plummeted by 36 per cent, and the only borough to show an increase was Westminster, which showed a rise of 2 per cent to £144,000, overtaking Kensington and Chelsea (down 18 per cent to £138,400) as the most expensive borough in London.

In the last quarter prices fell in all but four boroughs: Barking and Dagenham, Wandsworth, Westminster and Prices in Tower Hamlets,

now averaging £84,200, went down by 16 per cent in the last quarter of 1989, mainly due to the "Docklands factor", where the slump in the London housing market has probably been the most severe, the centre explains.

The figures are based on data supplied to the centre by the Hairfax Building Society.

General Medical Council professional conduct committee into charges of serious professional misconduct against Kidneys-for-sale hearing

Surgeon praised for 'dedicated' work try to curb

ments to kidney donors was urologist. described yesterday as having played a unique part in the Joyce as an outstanding sur-geon. He was highly intelligent but was also very humble and he had never heard him boast history of transplant surgery. Professor Lord McCoil.

director of surgery at Guy's Hospital, south London, said that there was no one else in the world who had taken out more kidneys from cadavers than Mr Michael Bewick and very few people who had transplanted more kidneys. He was totally dedicated and had made enormous sacrifices.

The problem had always been that surgeons did too much work, Lord McColl said. There was too much emphasis on quantity. "We would all have been better off if we had done less work."

Lord McColl was giving evidence at the end of the fourth week of a hearing by the

A surgeon who faces charges Mr Bewick, Dr Raymond had behaved unethically by of serious professional misconduct over alleged pay- and Mr Michael Joyce, a first getting to know them and who was interested in making Lord McColl described Mr and medical history. Lord

> of his achievements. Mr Joyce admitted on Thursday that he now realized that for the past 14 years he



Lord McColl: "Too much

ascertaining their background McColi said that he himself had been involved in kidney transplants, but not since

Asked by Mr John Goldring, QC for Mr Joyce, how much contact he would have had with the donor before an operation, he replied: "Not very much." He getting the donor's permission or in counselling him. He would have behaved in the same way as Mr Joyce and did not see it as his job to do any

Professor Cyril Chantler, professor of paediatric nephrology at Guy's, described Mr Joyce as "an excellent surgeon and also a very good doctor". Doctors had to trust colleagues and the practice of medicine would be made very difficult if they could not do

Asked by Mr Rodger Bell, until February 20.

money from transplants, Professor Chantler replied

a new life by means of a transplant he should be given that opportunity. Mr Beil disclosed that Mr Bewick had once been very ill would have played no part in and restricted in what he could do. He asked if that would have a bearing on his

> Professor Chantler replied that he and his colleagues had often wondered what drove him. "We wondered if it was because of his experience in childhood when he was not expected to live.

"I suspect that anyone who knows Michael Bewick will recognise his quite extraordinary commitment to people with kidney failure." The hearing was adjourned

Labour to Murdoch

Labour MPs will attempt next week to force Mr Rupert Murdoch to choose between his newspaper and satellite television interests.

that he did not. "I don't think Amendments to the Broadhe was very good with money," he added. He was a casting Bill during the Commons committee stage will recommend that he should man who felt very strongly that if someone could be given not be allowed to retain both Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun, Today and News of the World - and Sky Television channels.

The Bill forbids newspaper proprietors from owning independent television companies or British Satellite Broadcasting channels.

Mr Robin Corbett, Labour's broadcasting spokesman, said yesterday that Mr Murdoch was excluded from constraints on cross-media ownership by "technicality" because Sky Television used telecommunication frequencies.

The proposal stands little chance of success in the Commons, but might receive a more favourable reception

Couple face court battle for custody of pet labrador

custody of their pet dog.

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Mr Simon Newman has been trying present from his mother. to gain possession of Jodie, a golden labrader, since separating from Miss Sarah Lawrence, last year. He even attempted to snatch the dog in a car

On Tuesday, Exmouth magistrates were told that Mr Newman, aged 34, and Miss Lawrence, aged 22, had lived together in Budleigh Salterton for two and a half years until last

Miss Sharyn Thomas, for the prosecution, said: "During the course of this relationship a dog was pur-

chased. When Miss Lawrence left she

took the dog with her. "Mr Newman

A car mechanic is to take his former man said he would be going to Exeter pestered her about the animal and for garl friend to court to fight for the County Court to seek an order giving a time she went to live in Bristol to avoid any confrontation with him." On July 11, Miss Lawrence and ber father were driving home after walking Jodie when they spotted Mr Newman following them.

Miss Thomas said Mr Newman swerved in front of the Lawrences, forcing them to stop. He tried to grab the dog from the tailgate, but it was locked and as he took the keys from the ignition, the dog escaped.

Miss Thomas said a struggle followed in which Mr Lawrence's

around his hand was pulled tight. As Mr Lawrence drove off, Mr Newman again tried to block his path, but failed to seize the dog.

Mr David Williams, for the defence, said: "He was deeply upset by the breakdown of the relationship with Miss Lawrence and that she had retained the dog which he maintains belongs to him."

Miss Lawrence, a student, said yesterday: "I have got the dog at the moment but I don't want to say



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By Hazhir Teimourian and Clifford Longley

bishop of Canterbury's special lease. Our thoughts and pray-envoy, has been handed over to ers are with Terry and his ing, I'm just very hopeful that direct Iranian custody but is probably still in Lebanon, according to Mr Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the first president of Iran after the Islamic revolution of 1979.

prayers are being said in the Church of England once more this weekend, the third anniversary of the disappearance of Mr Waite in the on, for his early release and for peace in the country.

Mr Bani-Sadr, who has lived in exile in Paris since 1981 when he fell out with the Avatollah Khomeini, said vesterday that according to very reliable information from inside the Iranian clerical stablishment in Tehran, Mr Waite's Lebanese kidnappers had recently handed him over to Iranian agents in Lebanon. He had also been told that

Mr Waite was being held ler much better conditions". He did not rule out the possibility that Mr Waite might have been taken to Iran but could not see any reasons for such action.

A spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, said they were "ind" in the reports but could not confirm them. In a statement issued earlier through Lambeth Palace, Dr Runcie, who returns from Ethiopia today, said he hoped it would not be necessary to keep the anniversary again.

Mr Terry Waite, the Arch- celebrate Terry's day of re- alive. "Although there seems

courageous family. prayers for Mr Waite, Dr start to turn around. Logically Roncie coupled it with the situation in Lebanon. "The time," he said.

people have suffered more Mr Waite was the Archpeople have suffered more than 15 years of brutal civil bishop of Canterbury's sec war, aggravated by external intervention. We must pray ion affairs. He first became earnestly for a just peace in Lebanon, for that would see

the end of hostage taking."

Speaking in a recorded interview on TV-am, Dr Runcie said the lack of firm news of Mr Waite was related to the absence of any demands Mr Waite left and with British Government policy, has always said it would not strike a deal to secure his release. Mr David Waite, his

brother, agreed with the archbishop that Mr Waite was



Mr Waite: Prayers said for

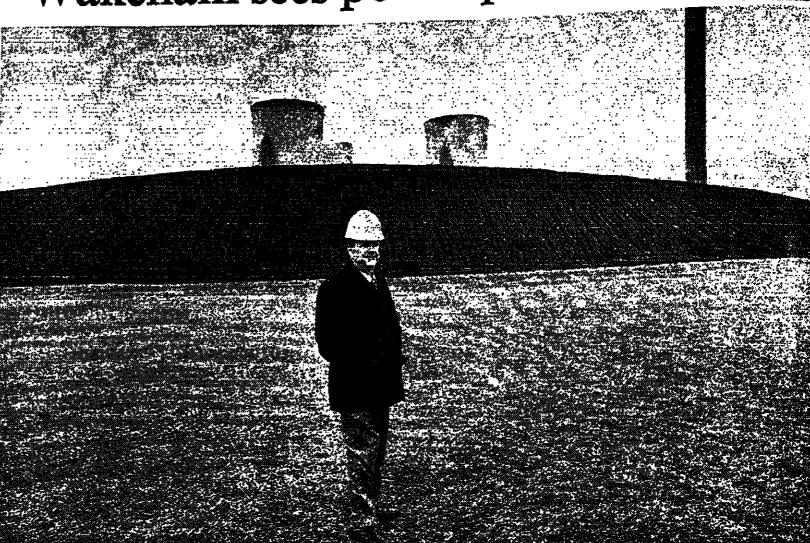
some time, and please let it be As always when he asks for soon, we will see this situation it's got to come to an end some

> retary for Anglican con involved with hostages when he negotiated the release of Anglican missionaries held in Tebran after the Iranian revolution. He subsequently intervened successfully when a up of Britons were being held in Libya, and then played a role in gaining freedom for hostages held by militant Muslim groups in Lebanon.

His last expedition to Beirut went wrong when he kept a secret appointment with Lebanese Muslim contacts, slipping from the bodygnard which the Druze leader Mr Walid Jumblatt had supplied. He was not heard from again. and no group has formally admitted holding him.

In his interview, Mr Bani-Sadr said he did not know whether the kidnappers had retained the power of veto over Mr Waite's freedom. "I think that he has been handed over to Iran so that the leaders of the Government in Tehran can deal with him as they wish." The obvious conclusion was that Tehran had decided it wanted to negotiate his release with Britain in return for political and commercial con-

Waite 'handed over | Wakeham sees power plant clean-up



Mr John Wakeham, the Secretary of State for Energy, pictured against the bleak backdrop of Didcot Power Station, Oxfordshire. He was inspecting improvements to cut sulphur and dust emissions at the coal-burning plant. They are part of a £50-million programme to clean up stations round the country.

The black rhino

Rescue charity attracts support

pouring in to Adam Faith's also been a further offer of campaign to save the black rhinoceros from extinction in Corporation and a similar

the former singer's initiative of setting up a rescue charity, to which companies donate in kind rather than in cash, the Faith Foundation has been pledged a two-seater microlite aircraft by Mr Jerry Breen, who runs the Algarve Air Sports Centre in Portugal.

Equipped with video cameras, the plane will be used to assist in the searches in spring for the remaining animals after which they will be rounded up and re-introduced into an area where they can be protected from poachers.

In addition a Piper Super Cub aircraft has been offered by an anonymous British businessman with many years experience of working in the bush. This will ferry supplies across terrain unsuited to

financial aid from the Heron pledge from NatWest. The Since The Times reported radio company Canford Audio has promised £5,000 worth of VHF equipment. Mr Faith, who now works in partnership with the Levitt available for local use money financial services group, will



Mr Faith: Encouraged by the

response to his campaign

Government and creditor ahead for similar ventures." companies. One of the charity's most

which might be owed to British importers but which is still lying in the country's banking system because of the absence of foreign currency. One British bank has already promised a six-figure sum through this channel.

Preparatory work is to be conducted by Salomon Brothers' New York-based department specializing in less developed countries.

Mr Faith said vesterday that he was encouraged by the response of companies and amount of support we have received that is tremendous, but also the nature of it. I can

Offers of help have been overland transport. There has receive free advice from Salo- foresee that the small aircraft mon Brothers, the investment are going to have a terrific bankers, on the possibility of impact on the searching phase negotiations between the of the operation, and that this foundation, the Tanzanian could well represent the way The operation already has

the support of BP, Hillsdown innovative aims is to make Holdings, Bristow Helicopters, British Airways, Shell, Land-Rover, Blacks Leisure, Theo Fennell, David Sheppard, Rank, Kodak, and Stanley Thomas, all of whom have made contributions. Of the original "shopping list" of about £500,000, the main items still to be found are two four-wheel drive lorries with winches and tip-up mechanisms; one four-seater, single engine, high-wing aircraft for personnel transport, and high

frequency radios. Tanzania has lost about 95 per cent of its rhino populaindividuals. "It is not only the tion since 1975 as a result of intense poaching. A single rhino horn can fetch up to £50.000.

Prisoner fights to stay in jail

A prisoner was back in jail last night after being accidently freed from a six-month prison sentence after just one week.

A warden at Lincoln Prison miscalculated the time Mick Shooter had spent on remand. and, even though he said there had to be some mistake, prison officers insisted he leave on Thursday.

After being released, Shooter, who was jailed for a passing dud cheques, tried to telephone the prison governor but his call was refused.

Finally Shooter, aged 43, of Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, contacted his probation officer and was advised to turn himself in to police.

Gay verdict

A phone-in poll on the Gay Byrne radio show in the Irish Republic showed that 65.5 per cent of the 10,144 respondents favoured legalizing homosexual acts between consenting adult males.

Tough line

A woman accused of a £1,700 theft sent Bradford mag-istrates a postcard from Paris saying: "Wish you were here". They replied by issning an arrest warrant for Ruqya Beshire, who had skipped bail.

Bomb hunt

Police in Ammanford, Dyfed, were yesterday searching for an arsonist after a home-made bomb exploded at the town's magistrates' court. No one was hurt,

Death crash

Three people died and three were injured when two cars collided head-on at Basford, Nottingham, yesterday.

Young generation 'patriotic'

By Ray Clancy

money on clothes, magazines and records, according to a those aged 16 have an average survey released yesterday. They are optimistic about

going to art galleries or muse-

It is veid at saving and sweets. spendiel habits as well as tended to lifestyle and asked the young purchase. sters, aged between 12 and 16, future. The average amount of parents encouraged them to favourite pastime.

may be damaged because the

public are not being told the

As staff at the Victoria and

Albert Museum prepare for

the appeal launch on Monday,

the Government is being

The sculpture, which was

sold by the Tavistock family

to an anonymous buyer for

£1.25 million in 1985, is now

being offered to the Getty

urged to reveal the name.

identity of the owner.

good relationships with their amount increasing according parents and spend their to age. The survey found those aged 12 average £2.50 while problems. £5.50 a week.

Clothes were the most the future and do not like popular spending item; 46 per cent said pocket money went ums, the annual survey of 1,000 savers with the Halifax magazines, 36 per cent, records, and 27 per cent, sweets. Scottish teenagers tended to save up for a big

At least 90 per cent said they

Art Market

Correspondent 4 8 1

the Cayman Islands. Britain

has until March 12 to match

Mr Richard Luce, Minister

for the Arts, and Mr Jonathan

Scott, chairman of the review-

ing committee for the export of works of art, know the

name of the owner, but no one

Teenagers today are patriotic, pocket money rose from £3.46 do so. They described like watching television, have a year ago to £3.60, with the relationships at home as good, with eight out of 10 able to talk to parents about most Most said it was important

to be proud of their country, especially in Scotland, where 88 per cent described themselves as patriotic. Most respondents in Scotland and Northern Ireland said they thought there were more career opportunities in London and the South-east but were reluctant to move.

Watching television was what they thought about the saved regularly because their listed by 83 per cent as a

"The Government cannot

by rumours that the sculpture,

created by the Italian artist

Antonio Canova for a spe-

cially designed temple at Wo-

burn Abbey, Bedfordshire, in

the early 1800s, has changed

clean about it.

to be a success."

Ownership mystery may hinder appeal to keep statue in Britain "If you are asking for money first time, Maître Luc Hasner, Collections Fund announced from the public, you must be the Swiss solicitor who repreyesterday it would put sents the owners, said: "The

V&A don't know the identity

just say 'We know who it is, of our clients, because they don't need to know." but it's a great secret.' It is essential that the identity of He had just returned from the owners comes out into the discussions at the V&A, where open if the campaign is going he agreed to put the work on show while fund raising is started. His fears are compounded

> "not Swiss or British. They are legitimate people, perfectly clean and wealthy. They are not dealers with a shop, they come somewhere between art collectors and dealers." While the National Art

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He called Mr Neil Kinnock a

lightweight, whose approach to modernizing his party was deeply flawed, and accused the party of "continuing evasion and dealers."

Speaking on a Conservative backbench motion on Labour policies, he said: "The only

vision is desire for power and a

desire for office at any cost." Mr

Kinnock's inability to learn and his lack of quablications for high office had not gone un-

noticed, even among his sup-

There had been a brave

attempt to change the rhetoric, but Labour remained a party

that wanted state ownership and

Mr Ken Livingstone (Brent East, Lab) said that the 1983 manifesto had been rejected

because it tried to square too

unilateralism. Too many com-promises had been struck.

Both the Labour Party and the Liberals before, had failed to be

sufficiently radical in transform-

ing Britain when they held

But to compare it with the

would increase taxes.

porters.

£250,000 towards the appeal, further questions were still hanging over the statue; whether its removal contravened the listed building law, and whether the decision by the Department of Environment not to act should be taken to judicial review. Mr Marcus Binney, president of Save Britain's Heritage, said the matter was still being

looked into. Mr John Murdoch, deputy director at the V&A, said: "Unless some private individual raises the question of listed

building consent, our only consideration at the moment is whether we can match the price by the March 12 deadline." The statue is now in storage in London.

 Thursday was a good day for prints by James Abbott McNeill Whistler at Christie's New York. A self-portrait of the artist sketching in a jaunty ribboned hat established a new record for a print by him, selling anonymously for \$52,800 (£32,195). The es-Whistler's etching of a classic

lect one of its inhabitants, sold to an American dealer for \$33,000 (£20,122) against an estimate of \$18,000. A previously unknown watercolour of a wooded landscape by Gainsborough, sold

traghetto boat arriving to col-

originally in the 18th century for £3 12s, and found recently in the linen cupboard of a Buckinghamshire house, went on display at the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery in Bedford yesterday. The gallery had paid timate had been half that £56,000 for it in a private sale, amount. "The Balcony", and considered the price a

Museum in California by an Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary hands since leaving Woburn anonymous company based in of Heritage in Danger, said: in 1985. Commenting for the SEND NO MONEY COUPON INTERNATIONAL 5000 OF THESE FABULOUS RECEIVERS ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE XMAS TRADE - WE HAVE BEEN ASKED NOW TO DISPOSE OF THEM AT A

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The Government taking ofto rebuild the welfare state and expand the industrial base, could not wait for growth and would, therefore, be faced with a difficult choice: to increase taxation on ordinary people or

Baker attack on 'lightweight' Kinnock A strong attack on Labour's leader and policies was launched in the Commons by Mr Kenneth Baker, Chairman of the Conservative Party.

The debate was opened by Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C), on his motion that the policies of the Labour Party "merit scratiny". He said that he wanted to examine the development of the party's policy in the manifestors of 1983 and 1987 and the policy statement of 1989 — Meet the challenge, make the change. He then gave his detailed view on the differences in the documents, mainly on nuclear defence and reportionalization.

He said that the Labour Party had not really altered its beliefs but, because it had found them unpopular, had sought to con-ceal them. It would not work and it was not right.

"If the Labour Party can come up with a convincing answer, we could govern through the 1990s and beyond. If we fail to do that we face repeating the failures of the Wilson and Callaghan governments."

Labour must make clear how many circles, rather than be it intended to pay for its clear about its commitment to policies. They had to decide where their priorities lay and then pursue them with the vigour shown by Mrs Thatcher.

present policy review was a mistake. The policy review was mistake. The policy review was paid for by increasing the money supply and fuelling inflation, or increasing taxation to middle-income families, but by

redirecting the existing wealth. which was being consumed at an excessive level on arms spend-ing, and making certain that Britain's financial institutions fice in the early 1990s, wanting first served the reconstruction of our own economy before they invested abroad.

Mr Baker, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said that there was certainly no vision in Labour's policy document, no

overriding view of the future. Was there anything new in it? The language had changed. It spoke of markets and choice and even home-owners, shareholders and taxpayers. But what did this mean? On

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education, for example, the underlying reality had not "Labour believes that children in our country should go to one type of school, a school that is owned, controlled, dominated

and run by a local authority." On industrial policy, Labour's adherence to markets was purely skin deep. The whole document was based on the analysis that the market had

failed and market forces had

failed and there was a need for

massive intervention.

What about privatized companies? The language had changed. Nationalization, the old cry, had been transformed into social ownership and that had now changed again into another weasel phrase - public interest companies.

"Labour cannot resist the temptation to meddle, own and take back into public owner-

Labour had decided not to support the closed shop when it realized that the Government was going to take action against it and that any other course would be completely indefen-sible in the country.

They had given the appearance of abandoning unilateralism in favour of multilateralism. But Labour was very unwilling to debate this policy. If the policy were new, why keep it under a bushel? Why was the document so vague? Why did give straight answers? "Are we going to give up our nuclear weapons as long as other

countries have nuclear weapons targeted upon us? That is the question we will be asking again and again until polling day." Mr Bruce Grocott, for the Opposition, said that he was not able to announce the Labour Party's manifesto for the next general election. "We shall an-

nounce that at our own pace and in our own time." He rejected the notion that addressed. The party had under-

Labour had been reticent about spelling out the issues to be taken the most extensive policy review that any party had ever underraken in a democracy: 88 tightly typed pages.

Labour would be restoring the damage caused to the NHS by the Thatcher government and would scrap the absurd policy of City Technology Colleges. He favoured reducing the

contract it into four days. "There is no way we can know exactly what we can deliver when in office because we do not know what kind of a mess we are going to inherit when that day comes, though we have a fairly good idea."

working week with a new pat-tern of work arrangements to

One of the key functions of the next Labour Government would be to restore the confidence of the public sector, which believed, as did the Opposition, in collective provision and in the welfare state.

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End in sight as £4m Pupil turns piano teacher Piper Alpha inquiry enters second year

The Piper Alpha inquiry yes-terday passed its first anniversary hearing evidence from the penultimate witness, Mr Energy safety director, on the examinations of possible offshore safety regime.

The disaster inquiry, Britain's longest, will conclude next month having heard over 10 million words of evidence at a cost to the taxpayer of more than £4 million.

The inquiry is chaired by Lord Cullen, a Scottish High Court judge, assisted by three assessors, Professor Frank Lees of Longhborough University, Mr Malcolm Ford, former managing director of Britoil, and Mr Brian Appleton, a director of ICI.

Since January 19 last year. Lord Cullen has been examining the potential causes of the disaster. The offshore oil platform was destroyed by explosion and fire on July 6, 1988, killing 165 offshore workers

The first part of the inquiry. which looked at the causes of the explosion, heard evidence from 196 witnesses, including ement of Occidental,

perts, and all but three survi-vors. Their evidence ranged and trade union officials. vors. Their evidence ranged from harrowing accounts of escape from the burning plat-James Petrie, Department of form to minutely-detailed

> Attention has centred on the suggestion that two contractors' employees failed to fit properly a flange blocking off pipework in the gas condensate system, allowing gas to escape and form an explosive cloud. There were also alleged communications failures among Occidental staff which led to gas being let into the pipework, supposedly shut off for maintenance. In addi-tion, standards of safety management within Occi-

dental have been criticized. Given the absence of physical evidence and the death of many of those involved, however, it is unlikely that the inquiry will form a definitive conclusion on the causes.

The second part of the inquiry, looking at ways of preventing similar disasters, began in November and has heard from 64 witnesses, incmanagement of Occidental, luding senior industry figures, the platform operator, off-shore workers, technical ex-representatives of British and luding senior industry figures,

Among the improvements suggested have been increased protection against fire and explosion for living quarters causes of the initial explosion. and control room areas.

The final witness, Mr Robert Priddle, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Energy, is expected to give evidence early next week. After a short break, the inquiry will con-clude next month with legal submissions from the various Lord Cullen's report will

probably take several months to prepare. Some of his expected recommendations, such as the need for improved emergency valves on pipelines, have been pre-empted by new regulations, but it is likely that the report will further cover such areas as written work procedures, standards of standby boats, and the need for systematic hazard assessment offshore.

With the likelihood of civil actions and the possibility of criminal prosecutions hinging on the inquiry's conclusions, it is certain that publication of the report will not close the book on Piper Alpha.

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Miss Sasha Meyrick, one of the country's most promising young pianists, contemplating the prospect of giving her first lessons at the age of 12. Sasha, who attends the Royal College of Music, will teach the youngest pupils at her parents' teaching practice at Maidstone, Kent.

Separate deal on pay put to college heads

offered a separate pay deal from lecturers to try to break the deadlock in the 18-month pay dispute which has affected ther education.

the 8 per cent presently on reduced by the bank's refusal offer to lecturers, the college to help in the loans' adminheads are being offered separate negotiating machinery to fix their pay in future years.

The proposal, which was put to the Association of College Principals at a private meeting earlier this week, is certain to anger the main savings. lecturers' union, the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education. Its members have imposed a ban on all examinthe employers' determination to link the pay offer to new working practices.

However, the initiative was weicomed by Mr David Hart, general secretary of the Nat-ional Association of Head Teachers, who said it should set a precedent for similar treatment for school heads and their deputies.

Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the local authority employers said yesterday: "We need to

College principals are to be recognize, remunerate and reward the skills of college principals who are now responsible for budgets of

millions of pounds." three million students in fur- The cost of the student loan scheme planned by the Gov-As well as pay rises above ernment could have been istration (Sam Kiley writes).

Although the withdrawal of the banks last month reportedly infuriated the Prime Minister, plans to organize debt

Under the original plan the bank branches were to have been paid £12 a head for advising and registering students for a loan each year.

ation and continuous Now students will apply assessment work in protest at directly to the Student Loans Company Ltd in Glasgow for their annual "top-up" to the maintenance grant of about £400 a year.

> Officials at the Department of Education and Science are still costing the new plan but Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education, believes the simplified system could be cheaper than the one originally published by his predecessor, Mr Kenneth Baker.

Prisoner fights to stay in jail

Oxfordshire. He was inspecting

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Power lines linked with disease risk

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

People who live around power cal depression and suicides lines, use electric blankets and among persons living near work all day in front of some types of computer VDU screens may be at increased and 15 per cent of all child-nesses including childhood with magnetic fields generated leukemias, cancers and de-by electrical cables inside and

Other hazards from electromagnetic "smog", non-ionabortions, a lowering of the "seems overdue".

immune system and disrup
One in 20 lung cancers in tions of the body's cells.

less World. In the survey international evidence has been collected from scientists, biologists and doctors.

suggesting high level, low in the buildings. cot deaths.

Evidence presented includes a 10-month epidemi- them. logical study showing a cluster pared with non-users and one

as a taxi driver before raping her and leaving her for dead,

Lawrence Burton, aged 36, of Bardney Court, Barton on Humber, South Humberside,

young girl when he picked up the woman aged 18 outside a public house in Barton.

He was told by Mr Justice Kennedy: "This was a cruel

and merciless rape, but what makes it wholly unforgiveable

is that you decided that the girl

should not live to tell the tale. Rape is a dreadful offence, but

then to go on and try to silence the victim for ever is infinitely worse. You left her for dead."

Burton was convicted of attacks.

power lines and studies suggesting that between 10 outside the home.

Mr Frank Ogden, editor of the magazine, said it seemed izing fields generated by clear that a properly-funded electrical supplies and equipstudy into the pathological ment, are an increased risk of effects of non-ionizing fields

Britain are caused by the The findings are published naturally occurring gas radon this week in the magazine that can seep into houses, Electronics World and Wire- schools and offices from underlying rocks, according to the latest estimate of risks from radiation by the National Radiological Protection The report comes in the Board. The hazard arises wake of recent evidence when the radon accumulates

alternating mag- The board recommends netic fields could be a cause of that 90,000 houses in Britain need attention to reduce the risks to families living in

The homes are concentrated of abortions among users of in a few counties including electric blankets when com- 60,000 in Devon and Cornwall, 10,000 in Somerset, Northamptonshire and suggesting pregnant women Northamptonshire and who work with computer terminals run an 80 per cent higher risk of miscarriage.

Northamptonshire and Derbyshire and another 5,000 in the Grampian and Highland region and some English igher risk of miscarriage. land region and some English
Other findings include cliniand Welsh counties.

then admitted indecently

Mr Peter Morrell, for the

prosecution, said the rape

victim had telephoned for a

taxi from the public house

However, he drove her into a field and, after forcing her to

perform sexual acts, raped her, then attempted to strangle her

He left her naked and

unconscious in the field. Dur-

ing the night she regained consciousness and made her way to a house near by.

Mr Nigel Baker QC, for the defence, said Burton had been

drinking heavily before both

Bogus taxi driver left

rape victim for dead

A man who tricked a young raping the woman and at-woman into his car by posing tempting to murder her. He as a taxi driver before raping had denied both offences. He

was jailed for 16 years at assaulting a girl aged 11 three Lincoln Crown Court months earlier.

was already on bail for a and, having poor sight, mis-serious sexual assault on a took Burton's car for the taxi

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Magna Carta trip ends in cash loss By Ray Clancy

A fund-raising trip to Austra-lia centred around Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the Magna Carta has made a loss of up to £70,000.

The Very Rev Brandon Jackson, Dean of the cathedral, said yesterday that when the Magna Carta, one of four surviving copies made at the time of signing in 1215, re-turns to Lincoln next month from a tour of Canada he

wants it to stay in the city. The trip to Australia in 1988, arranged by his prede-cesser, should have raised mency towards an exibition site for the Magna Carta. The issue is expected to be the subject of heated discussion at a meeting of The Chap-ter, the cathedral's governing body, on Tuesday, It had been

told by Canon Rex Davis, the Subdean and cathedral treasurer, that the trip should generate a £50,000 surplus. Canon Davis, an Australian,

was assisted on the trip by his wife and one of his daughters. His cousin was hired to bandle public relations and another relative organized volunteers. The cathedral's accountants

found that despite contribu-tions from Lincolnshire County Council and the World Expo authorities in Brisbane the trip lost £38,000-£70,000.

Mr Jackson is determined there will be a full inquiry. "I have a responsibility, with the chapter, to the public who give to this cathedral," he said.

When full accounts from the treasurer are available the

chapter will discuss them.

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Whitehall concern as industry pay lures key officials

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

country is suffering because of the increasing salary differences between executives in private industry and key civil servants. Signs are growing that concerns over pay and anomalies within the service are forcing more Whitehall officials to consider outside

More than 40 civil servants earning up to £43,000 have written to their union, the First Division Association, protesting about the situation. Some have considered resigning to earn up to £20,000 more with private firms.

The warnings, delivered in private, come amid strong indications that the Government may pay review body increases for 600 top civil servants in stages to avoid undermining its stand against the ambulance workers and its determination to curb rises.

Whitehall sources say the Government is alarmed by suggestions that the Top Salaries Review Body may be Nickson, acknowledged that considering increases of up to

Ministers have been warned 15 per cent for civil servants narrow the gap in pay levels.

Union leaders have complained of the "political constraints" within which they were forced to negotiate their last pay rise which they said further widened the differential between their members and comparable workers in outside industry.

Whitehall departments are suffering from a gathering staff drain as unions voice warnings that pay levels are not competitive enough to entice high-calibre recruits into the upper echelons of the

Unions fear that any move to effectively scale down the grades. The effect has been annual percentage increase to be recommended by the review body in a report due before the Prime Minister by the end of the month - will severely undermine moral in the service.

In its last report, the review body, chaired by Sir David there was an urgent need to

other workers. However, they

were joined yesterday by 150

missions section, forcing Ford

Both groups are understood to be holding mass meetings at

the weekend to decide whether

to carry on with their strikes.

The results of the ballot over

Ford's final offer of a two-year

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Ford lays off 8,000 as strike effects bite

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

More than 8,000 Ford produc- craftsmen on strike all we tion workers were laid off causing the layoff of 6,000 yesterday as key craftsmen refused to end their unofficial strike at the Halewood plant on Merseyside, raising com-pany losses to more than £100 to send home another 2,000

While the rest of the company's manual workers waited for the crucial strike ballot over pay next week, skilled workers disrupted Halewood for the fifth day running.

Wildcat action is now estimated to have cost the company up to £110 million in ut. Halewood has suffered the worst, with 400 by Thursday.

that the administration of the whose skills, experience and expertise would command big salaries in the open market.

years, increases must adequately reflect the responsibility of the work undertaken and maintain differentials ... Not to do so, stores up greater difficulty for the future unless there is to be unacceptable loss of "It would lead in our view

to an unavoidable need for a catching-up exercise of a potentially embarrassing scale which is greater for each year it is postponed." The committee is complet-

ing its report amid growing misgivings in the service about pay rises which came into force this month for lower that in London staff are being financially penalized when promoted: some lawyers found they were being paid more than £2,000 less than people in lower grades.

Because of anomalies, unions claim, loyalty is being stretched to breaking point. One under-secretary wrote: "I am now £3,607 worse off than if I had stayed one grade

Last night, Mr Bill Brett. general secretary of the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists said: "Unless the situation is addressed people key people will eave the service and top calibre recruits will not enter."

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the National Union of Public and Civil Servants said: "Overwhelmingly, there is a sense that people are not being treated

Treasury ministers are particularly worried about the loss of senior Treasury, Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise staff. They would welcome some move towards the closer comparison of civil service and private sector pay, which would result in more money for tax inspectors but



Midwinter madness: Mr Matt Shepherd ruminates on his fruitless search for animals sick with bovine spongiform encephalopathy in the market at Thirsk.

By Peter Davenport

In the maze of pens holding cattle at the Thirsk auction market in North Yorkshire, Mr Matt Shepherd, Ministry of Agriculture veterinary surgeon is making a spot check for any animals showing signs of bovine spongiform encephalopathy when he is confronted by a farmer who said: "Answer me this, veterinary; can it be spread to humans? Will you still go on eating meat despite all this fuss?

Mr Shepherd, one of six ministry vets checking the 20 markets and 38 abbattoirs in North Yorkshire, does not hesitate. "I am still eating meat and so are my family. There is no evidence at all that BSE can spread from animals to humans. Everything that can possibly be done to stop infected animals getting into the food chain is being done."

The work of Mr Shepherd and his colleagues is one part of the campaign against a disease that seems to attack cows at random, is still little understood and, according to many of those within the industry, is irrationally feared. Last week, however, the Government, which insists that there

is no evidence that people can contract BSE, announced a £12 million research programme into the disease and Nature, the scientific journal, said earlier this week that the 'chilling' question of whether humans are at risk by consuming meat from infected cattle must be

West Germany has imposed an import ban on British beef, raising threats to the multi-million pound export trade, but a report prepared for

• Answer me this; can it be spread to humans? And will you still eat it?

the European Community veterinary committee claims that BSE is not a danger to health. It is against this background, fuelled by the emotive name for the condition as "mad cow disease", that Mr Shepherd and his colleagues are working.

At the market in Thirsk Mr Shepherd wanders along the rows of pens holding several hundred cattle. He is looking for the signs that an animal may be suffering from the northern regional veterinary officer,

disease; twitching ears, muzzle-licking or reacting nervously and unpredicatably to a touch or a hand-clap. Yesterday there were none, a confirmation that most of the cases of BSE are first spotted on the farm.

Earlier Mr Shepherd had called at an abbattoir in Skipton to check on animals there under new procedures, brought in specifically because of BSE which allows ministry vets to make unannounced inspections of cattle before slaughter. He entered the pens holding four Friesian cattle bought at markets in Preston and Pannal, near Harrogate, the day before, waving his arms up and down to see if the cows display any unusual reaction. Again all was well.

The first cases of BSE were identified in 1986 and it became a notifiable disease two years later. Since then 9,000 cattle have been destroyed out of a national herd of four million; in the northern region there have been 578 positive cases out of a cattle population of 1.6 million compared with about 4,000 in the South-west, the worst effected area.

According to Mr James Seed, the

all evidence points to the disease. which causes a progressive degenera tion of a cow's brain, having been spread by the use of sheep brain, infected with the similar disease, scrapie, in protein feed, in a procedure which is now banned.

Research is under way to try and understand more about the disc how it is spread and why it effects some cows and not others.

As part of the investigation the ministry is monitoring the development of almost 700 calves at experimental husbandry farms around Britain. They have been purchased in pairs from farms, one calf whose mother had been found to be infected with BSE and the other from a healthy parent and their growth will be closely watched over the years for any signs of BSE.

Scientists at the ministry's Central Veterinary Laboratories at Weybridge in Surrey have, he says, produced a computer projection which shows the number of cases of BSE reaching a plateau through to 1997 when they will begin to fall dramatically. "By the end of this century we will have seen the last of it," Mr Seed said.



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Ex-pilot claims £1m

Navy to be sued over ski fall

By David Sapsted

A £1 million claim for report Lieutenant Jones, aged sive disability is enormous, compensation against the 28, lives in south Wales in a More than that, though, we made on behalf of a helicopter pilot who was paralysed from injured in trials in Austria for the Royal Navy ski team.

The case will be one of the first to challenge the secrecy of MoD inquiries into deaths and injuries involving service personnel, after a ruling by a High Court judge on Thursday which rejected the traditional justification for suppressing publication of all board of inquiry reports into military accidents.

Lawyers representing the ministry to release it in Lieutenant Trevor Jones had court. issued a writ against the MoD alleging negligence, but did not proceed until now because the ministry refused to disclose its accident report on the ground that it contained technical details and classified information.

"Until now, there has been a deliberate attempt to pre-vent us getting the full facts by the MoD which is hiding behind the farce of national security in respect of a skiing accident," Mr Douglas Stewart, senior partner in the London firm, Stewarts, said.

The solicitors, who also brought the action which re-sulted in Mr Justice Popplewell's ruling on Thursday, said they planned to press ahead immediately with Lieutenant Jones's claim of negligence in the expectation the ministry would be forced to produce its

Ministry of Defence is to be home which his mother has had to pay to be specially converted. He has a naval the shoulders down after being pension but the family spoke yesterday of the huge cost of looking after him, including 24-hour nursing at £20,000 a

> His brother, Mr Rod Jones, said: "It has been a struggle financially but we have been unable to press ahead with a claim against the ministry because it has refused to release the report into what happened. Now we hope the result of the test case will force

"Trevor is going to have to receive care for the rest of his life. The cost of housing someone with such an exten-

Lt Trevor Jones: Paralysed by fall from shoulders down

want Trevor to be able to afford to have some fun in his

Lieutenant Jones, a heli-copter pilot who rescued Mr Richard Branson and Mr Per Linstrand when their transatlantic balloon crashed into the sea five years ago, suffered spinal injuries when he hit a road while practising with the Navy ski squad at Passthurn, Austria, in January, 1988, Stewarts issued a writ for damages, claiming negligence by the MoD for poor supervision, poor design and inadequate supervision on the grand slalom course.

A ministry spokeswoman said that although the words "classified information" were used to justify non-publication of the report, the realreason was that all board of inquiry reports were confidential to protect individuals giving evidence.

The MoD said it fears that, if servicemen knew the reports would be published, they would be reluctant to give evidence. That could prevent the ministry introducing. changes to protect service: personnel.

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A summary of the report's findings had been sent to Lieutenant Jones's solicitors. the spokeswoman said, but Mr Stewart maintained that that was an inadequate basis for a claim for damages which would require detailed analysis of the events.

Computer peril of year 2000

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

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unscathed, experts claim.

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Clearly the last two digits at

the start of a new century are

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One British computer com-

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Worst affected are likely to

Computer Weekly reports.

100 years earlier.

Banks, universities and industry could experience chaos

decimalization," according to Mr Malcolm Munro of the and billions of pounds of bills because computers cannot face the year 2000.

Experts have realized that many computer programmes were never designed to see in the new millennium with functions firmly rooted in the 20th

Consequently the clocks information, software writers which control much of a have habitually referred to computer's functions, including staff pay rolls, automatic payments, the printing of reports and letters, will be throws into disarray unless argent and costly action is

Some will automatically to rewrite or change a line of switch their dates back to 1900, others cannot be

pany has already spent £118,000 making the nec-The problem is being compared to cheque book users who fall to to register the new year, but this, however, is on a grander and potentially highly

be users of an old computer language called Cobol, which

include banks and financial institutions. The Banks of Centre for Software Mainte-Scotland and England, who are responsible for the audit-Even recently written proing and quality of financial institutions' software, are so concerned about the problem grams including those to charge are unlikely to be that they are considering an awareness campaign urging Although computers can store millions of bytes of users to have strategies in

place by 1995. Mr Munro said: "The com-puter industry has to start worring about this now.

"It is going to be expensive, simply because code that needs to be changed won't all be in one place. It is as massive a change as decimalization." His fears are echoed by Mr
Terry Madgwick, project services manager for Smrey,
County Council

"A lot of the problems have been caused by the attitude of software developers thinking they non't be around when the changes are needed, he said.

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during the Second World War and transporting them out of Czechoslovakia against their will has become the third emigré to be charged under Canada's War Crimes Act. Mr Stephen Reistetter, aged 75, of Ontario, was arrested on. Thursday. Mr Reistetter is charged with four counts of kidnapping Jews in two separate incidents in the town of Bardejov, in what was then Slovakia, and transporting them

out of Czechoslovakia against their will to an unidentified

Suicide bid at camp

Hong Kong - Two Vietnamese boat people from one of Hong Kong's crowded detention centres were rushed to hospital yesterday after attempting to commit suicide in protest at plans to deport them and thousands of their-countrymen to Vietnam (Jonathan Braude writes). The suicide attempt, the first officially admitted to be linked to the policy of forced repatriation, came as the Hong Kong Government announced an investigation into allegations that staff at the same camp prevented a Vietnamese woman from giving birth by bolding her legs together.

Grim days for Argentina as Menem's medicine works old days has been the refrain of the same plane and there are no Argentina ever since the tango was parachutes. After this, the abyss". invented, but the old theme can be heard Beneath the cavernous vault of the old Retiro railway station in central Buenos

all around the elegant capital this month as President Menem, the flamboyant Aires, a queue snakes a hundred yards Peronist President, struggles to impose across the hall, a place of shabby grandeur that smacks more of old Russia his fourth austerity programme since he took office six months ago from Sedor than the British entrepreneurs who built Raúl Alfonsin. Given that the Government has just

Like the summer heat, unreality hangs heavy over Buenos Aires whose people have always considered themselves Europe's most civilized outpost in Amer-ica. The mood of make-believe pervades even the Government. President Menem can be seen on television commercials and in posters around the city, champagne glass in hand, congratulating his people on "putting the country back on its feet", an approach that one local commentator likened to that of the late Nicolae Ceausescu.

The East European comparison, which can be heard all over Argentina as "Menemstroika" gets under way, is not fair as the President minces few words on the choices facing the country. Just before the champagne campaign was launched, the long-haired Senor Menem proclaimed dramatically: "We are all in

This week, as the country struggled with the idea of passing around government bonds and grubby re-endorsed personal cheques as an additional form of currency, Senor Menem intervened to bring some of his ministers back to reality. He ordered them to stay at home unless they had official business abroad - a step that became necessary after Senor Omar Fassi Lavalle, the Minister

for Tourism, appeared in newspapers disporting himself in a discothèque in Punta del Este, the chic resort in Usuguay. Shortly before his trip, the minister had starred in a campaign appealing to Argentinians to holiday at home in the current crisis.

The well-to-do have always kept one foot out of the country. One of the roots of Argentina's decline from its rank as one of the 10 richest countries after the Second World War has been the way anyone who could has converted his money into dollars and stashed it abroad. Some 50 billion privately held dollars are now estimated to be locked up in banks from Montevideo to Zurich. one of the highest levels of capital flight

in the world. Much of it is said to have come straight from the huge public loans made to Argentina in the 1970s.

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For the mass of Argentinians who do not own dollars abroad, penury lurks at the door. The austral has slid from 14 to the dollar to nearly 2,000 in 12 months. Putting aside the 5,000 per cent inflation that rendered prices virtully meaningless last year, real income has fallen by 60 per cent over the past year. Gradually the middle class of Argentina is being thrust into the Third World.

Shanty towns are expanding around the capital and for the first time for years, the Army is talking out loud. General Isidro Cáceres, the commander in chief, warned of the danger of "states of anarchy" if the economic crisis persisted, but he insisted the forces stood behind the President.

This week fresh signs of discontent emerged when police in two cities demonstrated against a 50 per cent pay rise by staying in their barracks. Senor Menem responded in his trade-mark style with a warning that he would root out police corruption and "whip the arses" of those responsible. It is a mark of Senor Menem's continuing popularity

that there have been no disturbances on the level of the food rioting that killed a dozen people a year ago. Despite his stiff measures, the charismatic, diminutive President enjoys a remarkable degree of trust. Last year when he claimed the mantle of Juan Perón, he told Argentina he would raise it Lazarus-like and restore its erandeur.

Taking office he promised renewed purpose both for "the poor kids who are hungry and the rich kids who are sad". Then just as the unions, bureaucrats and rich monopoly businessmen thought they had preserved their power, the President underwent an astounding conversion, breaking with the protectionism that had long smothered the economy and espousing the free-market policies dear to Mrs Thatcher and the International Monetary Fund.

He also appeased the restive military by pardoning dozens of officers con-victed of human rights crimes in the 1970s and of offences from the Falklands War. On top of that he risked putting Falklands sovereignty aside and enthusiastically renewing ties with Britain.

With an economic team recruited from Bunge and Born, the biggest Argentine multinational, Señor Menerr managed to bring down inflation to just a few per cent a month and embarked on plans to privatize the vast state industries like the railways and telephone company that have sponged off the economy since Perón built his corporatist state in the late 1940s.

He is now opposed by many of the union barons and the bureaucracy. Big monopoly businesses are unhappy about the removal of their protection and noone has any idea where to begin persuading people to pay income tax. At present, about 30,000 out of 33 million Argentinians, or about 0.01 of the population, pay any at all.

December's economic panic has thrown reform plans into turmoil but the financial medicine seems to be working. Señor Antonio Ermán González, Señor Menem's third Economics Minister, blocked all seven-day deposit accounts. the main vehicle to hedge against inflation, and issued 10-year bonds denominated in dollars. In the absence of Australs, these "Bonexes" now circulate like a new currency at about a third of their face value. The dollar came down and prices halted their explosion.

US drug 'sting' nets capital's Mayor

yesterday to the startling news that Mr Marion Barry, its long-time Mayor, had been arrested at a hotel the previous night for smoking "crack".

it in Argentina's golden age.

frozen most ordinary citizens' savings

for 10 years in its latest attempt to stave

off national ruin, and food prices have hyper-inflated from outrageous to in-sane, it would seem reasonable to think

the queue consisted of refugees or

seekers of bread. But that would be

wrong. They are waiting for two hours

simply to buy a ticket to Mar del Plata.

the prime seaside resort to which Buenos

Aires citizens traditionally repair in the

"What can you do?" says Senor Roberto d'Agostino, an office clerk who

is taking his family to the coast even

though his £70 monthly salary barely covers more than a few days living.

"Argentina never used to be like this in

the old days, but life goes on somehow."

Making do while hankering after the

high summer doldrums of January.

The arrest shocked Washington and spelled the almost certain end of Mr Barry's remarkable political career. For seven years he has shrugged off allegations of drug-taking and was preparing to announce tomorrow his candidacy for a fourth term of reporters' questions.

It also opened the way for the Rev Jesse Jackson, the fiery black civil rights leader, to enter this year's mayoral race. He moved to Washington from Chicago last summer, but always said that he would not run against Mr Barry. "I'm too stunned to talk right now," said Mr Jackson when told the news. Mr Barry, Mayor since 1979, was arrested shortly after 8 pm in a seventh-floor room at the Vista Hotel, just six blocks from the White

He was said to have been in the mom with an unidentified woman for about an hour, smoking crack cocaine, while the authorities secretly filmed him. One television report said the woman was an old friend from California who allowed herself to be used as

bait by the FBL A statement issued later by city if Mr Barry, who has a Mr Barry, who has a year of his term to run, is the Charter does not spell out thought's convicted. "The District New York.

Charter does not spell out However, it would also undercover operation was part of an ongoing public corruption probe," indicating that Mr Barry had been snared in a "sting" mounted jointly by the FBI and Washington's police a few weeks earlier. Mr Barry was due to be formally charged in a Wash-

for the offence to be treated as huge black population, he a misdemeanour rather than a more serious felony.

Mr Barry, his own police bodygnard in tow, was taken to FBI headquarters where he called his lawyers. At 12.40am yesterday he was driven back to his south-east Washington home where both he and the lawyers refused to answer

The dramatic events shocked fellow political lead-ers in this largely black city which is riddled with drugs and consequently has the

• The arrest has opened the way for Mr Jesse Jackson to enter this year's mayoral race

highest per capita murder rate in the nation. There were 29 killings in the first 17 days of 1990 following last year's record 438. Mr David Clarke, the city council chairman, said it was "a tragic moment in our city's history".

Nor was it clear who would take over the running of the every step in cookbook fashion in a situation like this." said Mr Gregory Mize, general counsel to the city council. "This is not something you think is going to happen."

WORLD ROUNDUP

Delhi set to take

over in Kashmir

mu, India (AP) - The Government of Jammu and

Kashmir state has resigned, clearing the way for the Federal

Government to administer the region and attempt to control

agitation by Muslim separatists, officials said vesterday. Dr Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister, resigned late Thursday

night after alleging he was not consulted on the appointment

Earlier Thursday the Federal Government reappointed

Jagmohan, an official who uses only one name and who has

a reputation for strict administration, as the state's governor. During his previous tenure, from 1982 to 1988, he

Fog delays shuttle

Edwards Air Force Base (Reuter) - The crew of the space

shuttle Columbia, carrying a bus-sized satellite on board,

must spend an extra day circling Earth because fog is

shrouding its rain-soaked landing strip in the Mojave desert.

A US space agency spokeswoman said the latest landing time for Columbia is early this morning in California, giving the shuttle, coming in at 102 tons, an extra 22 orbits of

Earth. A Nasa spokesman said there was enough food on

Nakasone sues paper Tokyo - Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese

Prime Minister, yesterday sued the Asahi Shimbun, a national daily, which he said had defamed him by suggesting that he received 120 million yen (£480,000) in political donations disguised as a share deal transacted by one of his

aides (Joe Joseph writes). The allegations have contributed

to recent edginess on Tokyo's financial markets. Some

investors fear the scent of another financial scandal

involving a top ruling party MP so soon after last year's

Ottawa (Reuter) - A man accused of kidnapping 3,000 Jews

Recruit bribes affair could bring new political chaos.

'Holocaust' charge

curbed the spread of Muslim unrest.

board to feed the five astronauts

of the Federal Government's representative to the region.

ington court yesterday and Mr Kenneth Mundy, his lawyer, indicated that he would press Popular among Washington's huge black population, he argued to some effect that he was the victim of a racist white press and a "new McCarthy-ism". He was confident of re-

election and only on Wednesday had delivered an upbeat sment of his administration's record, claiming that it was winning the war against crime, drugs and violence. The most serious allegations stemmed from an occasion in December, 1988, when

policemen investigating a complaint about drug-taking in Washington's Ramada Inn found Mr Barry in the room with Mr Charles Lewis, a friend and former city employee. This gave rise to a year-long grand jury investigation which was now in the process of deciding whether to press for Mr Barry's prosecution.

Mr Barry's arrest places Mr

Jackson in an acute dilemma. He would almost certainly win if he now runs for Mayor. The job would enable him to rebut charges that he has no administrative experience and would dispel the notion that he has been overtaken by the new breed of mainstream, mod-erate black politician epitomized by Mr Douglas Wilder and Mr David Dinkins, respective winners of Novem-

However, it would also exclude him from another bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1997 Were he not now to run for mayor, he would be open to the charge that he was running away Mr Barry, who is 53, had from some of the wor been plagued by allegations of problems in America. from some of the worst black



Mr Barry being escorted into his home by an FBI agent after his arrest on a drug charge.

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Shamir yesterday told three

Soviet immigration.

Key Palestinian is held by Israel

terday arrested Mr Faisal Hus-seini, a leading figure in the Husseini, aged 49, was named occupied territories who is as a financial backer of the viewed by many as the likely leader of any future Palestin-

ian administration in the event of a peace settlement. Western diplomats said the arrest was a blow to hopes for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, because Mr Husseini was the kind of Palestinian

Washington believed could speak for the Arab side. During a preliminary hearing yesterday, supporters and opponents of Mr Husseini traded insults in the corridors

of the court. Two members of Kach, the extremist Jewish organization, spat at Mr Husseini and into the crowd.

The arrest, pending in- Organization, said that the fence Minister, said on his ous bodily harm".

In a move which dismayed the vestigation of Mr Husseini, arrest was a blow to chances of return from Washington yes-United States and angered follows the trial this week of compromise. Palestinians, Israeli police yes- five underground Palestinian

> Mr Husseini is accused of having given \$450 (£274) to five members of the banned Palestine Popular Army, for and Egypt.

them to buy black uniforms. The Attorney-General's office also said yesterday that it was investigating speeches by Mr Husseini in which he had appeared to condone the killing of Arab "collaborators" by Palestinian extremists, on the grounds that such acts were have suggested that US aid to

occupation. Right-wing figures yester-day welcomed Mr Husseini's detention, but Peace Now, punched his face, escaping which favours dialogue with the Palestine Liberation

terday that he had been as-The arrest of Mr Husseini sured that US aid would not follows several hardline statebe cut, although the State Department said it knew of no

ments recently by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime such assurances. Minister, which have angered In another development, an Israeli colonel was yesterday charged by a military court of Washington at a time when it is trying to broker a settlement having ordered his men to through talks between Israel injure arrested Palestinians Earlier this week, Mr Shamir said that Israel would from villages in the West Bank by "beating them until their need to hold on to the occup-

bones were broken". Colonel Yehuda Meir, the for the thousands of Soviet former military commander of the Nablus region, is the highest-ranking officer in the Jews now emigrating to Israel. Some senior US figures, notably Senator Robert Dole, Israeli Army to face brutality charges since the Palestinian unavoidable under a state of Israel, currently \$3 billion a intifada began. year, should be cut. Mr

He faces a prison sentence of up to 20 years if convicted. US visitors that Israel needed His men are said to have taken 20 gagged and bound Palestinincreased US aid to cope with ians into a field and beaten Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Dethem severely, causing "griev-

Bush ends first year on wave of public euphoria

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

President Bush celebrates a However, in early November, year in office today with the he virtually saved President highest popularity rating of Aquino, of the Philippines, World War.

are euphoric and so, generally, is the public. This week, a Washington Post/ABC poll gave him a 79 per cent approval rating, 6 per cent led in Congress. He failed to higher than the best showing of his predecessor, Mr Ronald Reagan, and higher than every other postwar President at the end of their first years. Only Kennedy came close, with 77 per cent in 1962.

"His support is not only a mile wide - it's a mile deep," Mr Lee Atwater, the Republican Party chairman, told an administration rally.

Vice-President Dan Quayle said Mr Bush had kept his election promises: "No new taxes, peace through strength. and the day of the dictator is over." Mr Bush said it had been a year in which "all America has triumphed", adding: "Just wait till the second guessers see our second year."

The counter view was summed up by the influential New Republic magazine this week. Suggesting that Mr Bush has proved "keenly responsive to 'His overall course has been set by an obedience to opinion polls, often tempered a bit by his strong sense of caution."

Mr Bush, in contrast with Mr Reagan, has demonstrated pragmatism rather than ideology, an ability to respond to crisis rather than foresight. and a preference for consensus over confrontation. He is not an inspirational leader.

The crowning achievement of his first 12 months, at least in American eyes, was last month's invasion of Panama and the capture of General Manuel Noriega. It also killed the Democrat charge that he

was a wimp. It is for his foreign ventures that his first year will be remembered. After an inactive first 100 days, he surprised the world with a bold disarmament proposal that

united a divided Nato at last May's summit.

All great leaders need luck, and Mr Bush has had his share. He found himself President in the year that communism collapsed in the Soviet bloc. Resisting the temptation to dance on the Berlin Wall, he has prudently let events run their course and avoided undermining the position of President Gorbachov. In October, disaffected Panamanian defence forces mounted an unsuccessful

coup against General Noriega,

Mr Bush was widely rebuked

for withholding US support.

highest popularity rating of Aquino, of the Philippines, any president since the Second from a coup attempt by authorizing US warplanes to He is euphoric, Republicans give her forces vital air cover. Mr Bush's foreign ventures have obscured a less successful year on the domestic front. His clean-air legislation stal-

secure his capital gains tax cut. He kept his pledge of not raising taxes, but made little progress in cutting the budget deficit and was accused of undermining his own antidrugs and education initiatives through lack of funds.

His only big legislative achievement was the \$160 billion (£97.5 billion) bail-out of the nation's savings and ioan industry.

Congress snubbed his demand for a constitutional amendment outlawing flag burning. Mr Bush was out on a limb with his anti-abortion stance. He has enraged Congress by, they say, "kowtow-ing" to the Chinese leadership that ordered June's Tiananmen Square massacre.

After eight years of vice-presidential obscurity. Mr Bush has emerged as an intriguing personality.

cretive, excluding some of his closest colleagues from key decisions, such as meeting Mr Gorbachov in Malta or secret missions to China. However, he demands, and gets, total loyalty from those colleagues.

He has given 33 formal news conferences - Mr Reagan gave just 49 in eight years. Bursting with energy, he jogs, fishes, plays tennis and golf and drives his beloved speedboat. Indeed, he never stays still - in one year he has visited 14 countries.

He clearly loves being President. He bears the burden lightly and has retained his sense of humour.



Cricket tour row

British sports legacy fails to conquer apartheid

From Gavin Bell Johannesburg

In a school playing field near Johannesburg, an unusual cricket match is in progress. The bowler is white, the hatsman is black, and the fielders are a mixture of both races.

The game has been organized by the South African Cricket Union in an attempt to develop the sport in black townships and break down the barriers of apartheid. But when the last over is bowled, the children go their separate ways — to segregated sishourhoods. The political reality of South Africa is reasserted.

The paradox is central to the farore over the English cricket tour. The country's cricket administrators, led by Dr Ali Bacher, the cricket union managing director, argue that the sport has become a force for change to a post-apartheid society, and deserves the support of touring sides.

Their critics, notably the National Sports Congress, reject the town-ships development programme as a transparent attempt to counter oppo-sition to international tours, and insist that far greater efforts are required to desegregate all sports. Almost a century after being introduced to South Africa by Brit-

ish settlers, cricket remains essentially a white man's sport. Black players are few and far between Relatively poor coaching and playing facilities for blacks are

Johannesberg (Reuter) - The South

African Government is to abolish the Separate Amenities Act, one of the pillars of apartheid used to bar blacks from swimming pools, parks and libraries. Mr Hernus Kriel, the Minister for Planning and Provincial Affairs, said be hoped that the Act would be scrapped this year.

perpetuated by a disparity of state funding on sport.

Generally, the current badget allocates roughly the same amount— about £2 million for the two race groups - but as there are four times many blacks as whites, the per

capita spending is therefore proportionately smaller.

In theory, cricket became nonracial 10 years ago when the cricket union revised its constitution to allow for equal opportunities for all races. In practice, blacks remained without equipment, facilities, or coaching, and were mable to compete on an equal footing.

Dr Bacher says that in the past three years, the township programme has introduced 60,000 children to the game and 2,000 teachers have been instructed. SACU has organized leagues in

the townships, matches between white and black schools, and regular tournaments in which teams are mixed on a regional basis. White schools which refuse to play against blacks face being deprived of coach-ing and subsidies, and their players may not be eligible for any form of representative cricket."We are 2 progressive force for change in South Africa and we need encouragement," says Dr Bacher.

want to portray, that South African society is normal. Apartheid exists on our statute books, but this does not mean that we cannot build for the future, for a post-apartheid society." The English tour was not an attempt to whitewash the Pretoria Government, but part of the union's

campaign to bring about change. Last year, the Government annonnced a new policy under which the decision to participate in multiracial sports was left to individual schools and parents' committees.

Thus the door to non-racial sport now open, but relatively few white schools and parents have been prepared to usher their children through it. An attempt by the mainly Indian and Coloured (mixed race) South African Cricket Board to start a pilot coaching programme in the eastern Cape is foundering due to lack of sponsors.

Mr Krish Naidoo, the National Sports Congress general-secretary, is unimpressed by the union's efforts and he condemns the cricket tour as an act of racism intended to serve a "We do not believe, nor do we

small and predominantly white constituency.

Mr Naidoo does not share the uncompromising creed of the South African Council on Sports, that there can be "no normal sport in an abnormal society", and believes sports administrators can make sufficient progress towards nonracialism to permit tours to take place, without waiting for the Government to finally end apartheid.

"What we are saying is that the normalization of sport can take place simultaneously with the destruction of anartheid, but it must be a sincere effort and it must start now. The white organizations must come clean, and say look, we've made mistakes in the past but let's six down and work out a programme which meets the political as well as sporting aspirations of the majority

of people of this country. Unless that process starts, we cannot see any international cricket tours after this one. We think this

will be the last." Tour in jeopardy, page 47 4 UANT MINISTER

Hungarian leaders accused of spying on opposition

Members of the Hungarian video interview and later at a Government and the ruling news conference where he Hungarian Socialist Party revealed a widespread and regularly received secret sur- intricate network of covert veillance reports on the activ-ities and election strategy of ods which included tapping opposition parties from the telephones, intercepting pri-State Security Service of the vate post, bugging flats and Interior Ministry, according to having ministry moles pose as a member of the service.

The disclosure, by Major Jozsef Vegvari, who yesterday itoring activities, which have election strategy sessions. been denounced as illegal and a violation of the new Constitution by opposition

Major Vegvari said the information was discussed at Cabinet meetings and passed on to members of the Socialist

Since the scandal broke two Party who, he claimed, weeks ago, the identity of wanted to use the information Major Vegvari had been kept to damage the opposition in ments detailing the bugging for March 25. operation were given to the "The party in power is press in an effort to force the fighting the last battle to keep

opposition party members.

The video showed a room. said to be at the Interior revealed himself as the man Ministry headquarters, where who leaked the documents in the information was collected. the so-called Danubegate It also showed documents, scandal, widens the scope of stamped "strictly secret", the bugging affair by implicat- which were dated as recently ing senior government and as December 30, and listed party members in the contro- those who attended oppoversial Interior Ministry mon-sition party meetings and

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predecessor, the Hungarian Government, the Constitu-

who had received the intelli- have all denied knowledge of tinuing. He painted a menac- of the Socialist Party or its case, despite orders by the

and burned at secret locations in the countryside, Major Vegvari claimed.

It appears that Major Vegvan was moved by his vegvan was moved by his conscience to leak the information because he felt that what he was doing violated the new democratic spirit in Hungary. "Political pluralism was legalized but nobody changed our rules and regulations," he told journalists.

Appearing tense and admitting that he feared for the safety of his family, Major Vegvari said he might he accused of treason, branded as a traitor and be courtmartialled, but he could not keep silent any longer about the "lies and illegal activities carried out on behalf of the party in power." He showed a written message found in a lift at the Interior Ministry which threatened that the person found to have leaked the documents will "die like a

The Danubegate revelations have clearly shaken public confidence in the Government and have aroused fears that the election, the first free poll in Hungary in more than 40 years, cannot be fought fairly as long as remnants of the old communist regime, including Mr Horvath, still

This Sunday sees the launch of the 1990 Guide to the Arts. published by The Sunday Correspondent in association with the Arts Council. In four absorbing weekly parts, the Guide covers everything from opera to jazz, drama to dance, painted pictures to moving pictures. It includes profiles, interviews and exclusive ticket offers, and has a comprehensive calendar of all the major European arts events. Also this week, Stephen Hawking, author of the best-seller "A Brief History of Time", meets Firdaus Kanga, their conversation given added poignancy by the fact that both men are wheelchair-bound.

المكنا عن الإصل TOMORROW'S SUNDAY

Communists in Yugoslavia try Eas to repair image

mittee met yesterday in last minute attempts to reconcile the feuding national factions and smooth the way to the Congress which opens today, amid deep divisions between the strength of the same are winning support.

From timid beginnings, they are becoming organized. the national communist par-ties and public indifference.

The Congress was first conceived by the Serbs at a time the Communists in the elecwhen Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, was sure that his centralist ideas would secure a majority of the

The Congress was intended to inject new blood into the Democratic Renewal. party, which had been losing ground and found itself at the tail end of the reform trends item, but the change of name iout Eastern Eurod

A Yugoslav intellectual said that the party had become totally irrelevant, while the opposition parties were gaining in strength throughout the

Even Serbia, where pluralism has been until recently frowned upon, is now in the throes of rapid change. Mr Milosevic, until recently unchallenged, appears to be losing much of his former popularity, and the communist party is shedding much of its earlier appeal as a rallying point of the nation.

A former Yugoslav Com-munist said: "The Congress will not be able to save the Communist Party, just as the Communist Party can no longer save the country."

The party has long ceased to

The Yugoslav Central Com- be a cohesive force, while

amid deep divisions between In Slovenia, all alternative parties have formed a coalition bloc and are intent on

taking over the power from tions which are due in April. The Slovene Communists are clearly feeling the pressure from the opposition and will run in the next election under a new name as Party of the

The word communism is no longer an attractive marketing meaning as the Slovene communists are distancing themselves from Marxism. They are assuming an image of social democracy, intent on attracting votes before the new Social Democratic Party, which was founded there re-

cently, overtakes them. In Serbia, several opposition parties have been founded in recent weeks. However, a radically anti-Communist party which preaches extreme nationalism. seems to be gathering support.

In Croatia in less than a year, the opposition parties won more than 100,000 members, while as many Communists have quit the Yugo-slav Communist Party in that

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Mongolia plans free elections

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

y in the world after the Soviet Union, is considering holding free elections in an attempt to calm growing dis-sent, ADN, the East German news agency, reported

In a report from Ulan Bator, the capital, the agency said that a draft law put forward by a group of deputies in the Hural, the Mongolian Parliament, would extend the right of candidature to nonmists for the first time in the country's history.

It provides for trade union-ists and other state groups to stand for Parliament, although ADN did not say whether this included the country's small

"The authors want to bring the summers want to oring the running of the state closer to the people and make it more accountable," said Hugo Kropelia, ADN's Mongolian correspondent. It also aims to reduce the role of the Mongolian Communist Party which is drifting away from

reformist Mosca Ninety-five per cent of seats in the Parliament are occupied by the Communists and the other five need a Comm mandate as a prerequisite of their presence there. Only 10 per cent of the electorate are members of the Communicati

The mexpected suggestion of reform seems to be a response to recent demonstrations in Ulan Bator, organized by the Mongolian Democratic Union, a fledgeling opposition

Five thousand took to the streets last Se affairs. The Government has since decreed that all sonstrations are subject to its prior approval and are not allowed to take place in the centre of town.

The authors of the proposed law support the setting up of a second parliament, named "the small state Haral", to monitor the work of the main wants deputies renamed "the envoys of the per ADN said the deputies concerned were trying to find local "statute" as the vocabulary of democracy is not yet represented in the Mor

The Government ready made one my to the opp central square in the capital, but is insisting that the third and main statue of the dictator should remain.

Unen, the Com newspaper, has criticized the Mongolian Democratic Union, accusing it of following Western and Eastern Eurideas sussitable for Mor ng the prosecution of the Mr Yamzhagin Tsedenbal, the former dictator, who ruled the country for 40 years before he

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Father Casian Craciun, the official spokesman, told re-porters that the Church which accounts for some 95 per cent of Romania's Christians — would be run by an ad hoc coalition of three metropolitans and two bishops until elections for a new patriarch.

ill health and old age.

Patriarch Teoctist, aged 75,was regarded by many Romanians to have compromised too much with the numist dictatorship to stay in office for long. Popular anger was ex-

ed at reports that the presses at reports that the Church had sent an effusive telegram of support for the dictator, published only two days after the massacre at

Timispara. of the plans to rip up our basilica, I kept silent, but at many, many people who have

Bitter conflict between republics

Armenian village waits for Muslim onslaught

From Robin Lodge, Yeraskhavan, Soviet Union

Rifle fire rang out across the yan said. Yeraskhavan has the air," he said. Asked how Armenian-Azerbaijani border yesterday, while a small Armenian village prepared to ward off attacks by Azerbaierupted over the last week between mainly Christian Armenians and predomijani militants massed in near by mountains.

in Yeraskhavan, hemmed in on two sides by the Turkish frontier and the border with Azerbaijan's province Namhichevan, hundreds of Armenian volunteers with ageing shotguns and cartridge belts slung across their chests, stood around casually, making no

attempt to return fire. "They have got automatics, machine-guns and mortars while we just have our hunting guns — useless at this range,' Mr Rustan Alexanyan said. On Thursday, two local men were killed in two hours

Behind Mr Alexanyan, three huge earthmoving trucks manoeuvred into position, their load carriers raised vertically as a shield.

"It is foggy now but yes-terday we could see them clearly, swarming like ants over the mountainside all dressed in white camouflage against the snow," Mr Alexannantly Muslim Azerbaijanis. Thousands of troops have

been sent in to restore order, but fighting continues. The clashes on Thursday centred around two wineries on either side of the border. The first victim was Mr Rubik Bazikyan, an accountant in

the Armenian plant, shot

through the chest and ab-

domen by a sniper. Mr Gevork Zenalyan, the second man, was killed when interior ministry troops, apparently believing they were under attack, fired on a group of men approaching their village. Armenians say the men went there to summon

the troops for help. Lieutenant Konstantin Belomysov, an interior ministry officer who arrived at the scene after the shooting, denied that the troops had fired on the people.

"There was a conflict yesterday, but the soldiers did not

been thrown into the front line he accounted for a crimson of a brutal conflict that has pool of blood, frozen in the thought about 60 Azerbaijanis snow just outside the building commandeered by the troops, he said: "It may be blood, but perhaps it's paint. Let's go and take a look." Dipping a finger into the sticky consealing mess, he raised it to his face,

sniffed and looked aghast. Doctors at a hospital in Ararat, some nine miles from Yeraskhavan, confirmed that the sample taken from the pool was human blood. In the same hospital, two of

the wounded were being treated for bullet wounds. Each told the same story. "I live in Ararat, but when we heard the shooting we all

went to Yeraskhavan with our guns. The Azerbaijanis were shooting from the mountains. I was near the winery when I was wounded," Mr Artur Avakyan, aged 23, recounted. The chief surgeon, Mr

Vagarshak Abrakhamyan, said he had operated on one of them on Thursday night to remove shrapnel from his thigh and groin.

The other wounded man, shoot at anyone - only into Mr Armen Magakyan, aged

armed with automatic rifles had taken part in the attack. He said the closest they had come was about 150 yards. "I heard this huge explosion near me and then I found muyself here," he said.

There was no sign of troops on the road between the Armenian capital Yerevan and the Nakhichevan border. In Yeraskhavan, the only visible troops were guarding their billet.

They levelled their Kalashnikovs and took aim as journalists approached. "We came here yesterday because of the difficult situa-

tion on the border," Lieutenant Belomysov said. "Some of our people have now gone back, because the situation is under control."

After a fresh burst of fire around the hill, he conceded that it was not completely under control."But they are only warning shots, fired into the air," he said. "There was no attack on the village.'

(Renter) Let Muslims go, page 10



Airlift to safety: An elderly woman being helped out of an aircraft which had ferried refugees from Azerbaijan to Armenia.

East Europeans take own line at arms talks

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

East European governments, • In Hungary, until last year, drawn, as well as nearly 200 determined to test their the Soviet military presence tanks. Until Bucharest said all strength against their much consisted of 65,000 troops, Soviet troops were to leave by harassed Soviet colleagues about 1,250 tanks, 500 heavy and to break Moscow's estabguns and 240 aircraft, all in a lished grip on all defence and security matters, have transformed the atmosphere at and troops and 450 tanks have direction of the 23-nation been withdrawn. Conventional Forces in Eu-● In Czechoslovakia, until rope (CFE) talks in Vienna.

"The CFE talks used to be the 16 Nato countries and the Soviet General Staff, with the rest of Eastern Europe tagging along, now it's very much 23 countries involved," one senior Western source said.

The growing independence of Moscow's Warsaw Pact allies, and the different views now being expressed is not expected to hinder progress at the talks.

Everyone, including the Soviet Union, has had to adjust to the changing times. But, one senior Western source said, the Czechoslovaks, Poles and Hungarians were now looking on the talks as a way of accelerating the withdrawal of Soviet troops from their countries.

The East Germans, however, have not yet broken free from the Soviet positions at the talks and tend to keep a low profile, and Romania and Bulgaria, neither of which has Soviet troops stationed on its territory, also keep in the background, leaving all the running to the Czechoslovaks,

Poles and Hungarians. One of the reasons for the new timetables for Soviet withdrawals from these countries is that so far the troop under President Gorbachov's unilateral reductions an-nounced in December, 1988, have been fairly modest:

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May last year, there were 75,000 Soviet troops, 1,500 tanks, 650 artillery pieces and 300 combat aircraft, including 120 helicopters. Only about support units in the country 1,500 troops have been with-

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the end of this year, Moscow's plan had been to remove 5,300 high state of combat readiness. So far about 10,000 • In Poland, of the 40,000 Soviet troops stationed there, about 3,500 have now gone. About 90 of the 650 Soviet tanks have also been withdrawn. Moscow keeps a high proportion of communica-

tion, engineering and other

because the main function of

is to support the 17 remaining divisions in East Germany.

Bringing the West up to date with President Gorbachov's unilateral cuts, which are aimed at reducing the Soviet armed forces by 500,000, including 50,000 from Eastern Europe, General Mikhail Moiseyev, Chief of the Soviet General Staff, told the 35nation seminar on military doctrine in Vienna this week that since January 1 this year, 265,000 men and officers had

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reductions in both troops and armaments have been continuing throughout the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Total withdrawals to 1 January, 1990

Troops 265,000

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the Soviet military in Poland been disbanded. The remain- other Warsaw Pact countries, ing cuts are to be completed by

> At the CFE talks, now in their fifth round, the Soviet Union has made it clear that it is anxious for an agreement by the end of this year. Yet the Soviet team began the new round a week ago by adopting pretty uncompromising

The problem being addressed at the moment is tanks. The Soviet team, so far without objection from the

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is insisting that the ceiling of 20.000 main battle tanks for each alliance in Europe must include everything that weighs 13 tonnes or more. Nato says a main battle tank should be 20 tonnes at least.

In effect, the Soviet Union is trying to include within the tank-counting rules Nato's more heavily armed combat fighing vehicles, which they classify as light tanks. Nato, however, lists these under a separate heading as armoured combat vehicles.

But because the proposed ceiling for this category is higher — recently raised by Nato from 28,000 to 30,000 for each alliance - the Western combat vehicles which the Soviet Union is des anxious to see disbanded, such as the British Warrior, are likely to survive the CFE cuts.

A British diplomate source said: "What worries the Soviet Union is that it's going to have to destroy about 30,000 tanks to reach the 20,000 limit. Nato will have to destroy only 2,000. They don't think that's fair. So if they can enlarge the scope for the tank definition, Nato would have to destroy more. We will resist this approach "

In Warsaw yesterday the Government said that Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, was expressing his own opinion when he called on the Soviet Union to remove all its troops from the country by the end of the year. "We are not opening this issue now," a spokesman told a press conference in Warsaw. Mr Walesa made the demand in talks Just over a year since President Gorbachov announced his plan to make large unilateral cuts in the Soviet armed forces, with Mr Vladimir Brovikov. the Soviet Ambassador to

Bleak future for the slagheap city

From Anne McElvoy, Bitterfeld, East Germany

Bitterfeld in Saxony an-nounces itself from the train paigned for several years for a with an unending vista of coal heaps and smokestacks. This is just as well for the first-time read the station sign covered in thick grime.

The station cleaner shrugs. No matter how often he cleans it, he says, the dirt comes back straight away. In East Germany the town is a byword for pollution and neglect. It is encircled by a belt of heavy industry with chimneys and slag heaps encroaching up to a few yards from the residents' front doors.

plant, power station or coal mines which dominate the town. The majority of factories were built before the war and much of the machinery in them dates back to the 1920s.

The stench of chemicals, coal dust and diesel hits you at the first intake of breath. Half an hour of walking in the town left me breathless. The old brick houses are caked in biack soot and the dust lies so thick on the streets that the children draw patterns in it. They are wan-looking,

prone to coughs and bronchia infections and perform less well than similarly aged children in cleaner parts of the country, says Dr Reiner Kleber, who leaves a crowded waiting room at a factory surgery to see me — "because publicity is our only hope".

His real job is surgeon at the local hospital, but he puts in extra hours as a factory doctor because the previous incumbent left the country when the ket economy.

stop to coal mining which takes place a few yards away from a housing estate and be is visitor as it is impossible to convinced that excessive quantities of quartz, which causes pneumoconiosis and other bronchial irritations, are contained in the dust.

Last year a team of scientists from the Ministry of Heavy Industry turned up to measure pollution levels. "We were never informed of the results," says Dr Eleber, who also wants to open research into the high incidence of cancerous tumours among Two-thirds of the 130,000 young people in the region.

> magazine Der Spiegel carried out its own research earlier this month and found dioxin and other poisonous chemicals in the water which is drained from factories into the Elbe via open channels. The magazine concluded that Bitterfeld was "the most polluted town in Europe".

The steach permeates the office of Herr Hans Eckhard Kirsch, the deputy chief clerk, who has conveniently left the communist party and thus can no longer he forced by the outraged townspeople to account for his party's neg-

ligence in Bitterfeld. The Government of Herr Hans Modrow, whose Environment Minister resigned last week, has set up a commission to decide Bitterfeld's future. Even the factory directors admit that millions of marks of investment and mass rationali-2ation will be necessary to secure its existence in a mar-

Church controversy

Romanian patriarch resigns

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

In an effort to regain credibil-ity for the Romanian Ortho-dox Church, badly damaged by suspicion of collaboration remours. One of them is that we collaborated with the old regime. And it is true ... we with the communist regime of Nicolae Ceansescu, its leader, just could not take it any more." The people of Roma-nia, Father Casian, said "did Patriarch Teoctist, yesterday stood down, citing reasons of the same thing; for the moment, nobody is guilty and nobody is innocent." Few Romanians have any

obts that the patriarch's Now, with the revolution, "the church has come out of retirement was prompted by younger members of the the catacombs", Father Caschurch, embarrassed by the said. "Before, we always damaging compact which he made with the old regime ian said. "Before, we arways had to whisper. I know a number of priests who did not during his three years as dare preach. There were informers among the congrega-tion and some of them used

> Since the revolution, priests have been allowed into Romania's crowded orphanages for the first time to haptise their children there. "Under Ceausescu, we were never allowed to set foot in any public institution like that."

In the immediate aftermath of the revolution, the patriarch himself argued that the Church, under an authoritarian dictator, was powerless. "We lived in constant fea said. "We were afraid that even this cathedral (the Bucharest basilica) would be demolished. When I was told

Father Casian said that

warheads, (166 aviation, 284 missiles, 50 artillery). Prepared to screp all clear weepons from Europe

aders were meeting in Bucharest to draw up new guidelines for the church. The other churches in Romania were tern between

romise and resistance. Bishop Laszio Papp, the Protestant Bishop from Oradea who ordered the removal of the Rev Laszlo Tokes, the disent pastor, and thus provoked the Timisoara unrest has fled the country and Bishop Gyula Nagy, the Prot-



Patriarch Teoctist: Made

no contidence in us," Father and rebuilt everything. That estant Bishop of Cluj accessed Casian admitted. "There are was how we faced the of being a member of the Securitate, has resigned.

A campaign has also begun

to force the resignation of

Rabbi Moses Rosen, the Chief Rabbi of Romania amid claims that he was sent as an emissary for the Ceausescu regime on many delicate missions around the world. They also allege that he was privy to the campaign to hound the true Chief Rabbi, Dr Alexandre Safran, out of Romania. • The first detailed count of those shot dead in Timisoara since the Romanian uprising began there lists just 90 dead. The French daily newspape Libération quoting a local journal, Renasterea Banatanea, said 71 of these have been

people are still missing. Liberation also reports that the "traces of tortere" on cornses found in a mass grave on the outskirts of the city on December 26 were actually routine post-mortem incisions. The chief medical officer of Timisoara's main hospital

identified and another 33

said he registered some 250 natural" deaths during the ten days from the start of the nprising. Dr Stephan Engelscu believes that the final toll from the fighting in the city may have been be-

"Thatcher, who is the Prime Minister of a capitalist coun-

Soviet crisis talks at Elysée

From Philip Jacobson, Paris, and Peter Guilford, Brussels

Against the bloody back-ground of the crisis in the Transcaucasus, Mrs Thatcher will today meet President Mitterrand of France for what is described as "a working lunch" in the Elysée Palace. Although there is no formal agenda for this flying visit - which will last about three hours - the two leaders are expected to concentrate on the hectic pace of recent events in the Soviet Union and Eastern

According to diplomatic sources here, the talks will primarily concern the tricky issue of the European Community's response to the dramas unfolding in the East.

Since M Mitterrand has just returned from an official visit

Soviet leader a run for his

money in a presidential race.

also seen the first working session in Paris of the EC group considering the establishment of a special EC bank to help fund development in the East, the two leaders should have plenty to keep the conversation going. It may well be that Mrs

Thatcher will turn her atten-Helmut Kohl, the West Ger- also attend, will give several of man Chancellor, in the French capital last Wednesday. Herr Kohl did not miss the chance to repeat his now-familiar argument that the EC should move swiftly towards achieving greater institutional

European Community foreign ministers fly to Dublin

to Hungary and this week has for urgent discussion con Eastern Europe this evening and will discuss throwing new lifelines to those Eastern countries struggling to emerge from economic and political bankruptcy, including more emergency food for Poland and Hungary.

The meeting in Dublin Castle, which the 12 national tion to the speech by Herr ambassadors to the EC will the ministers and the European Commission a first chance to compare notes on their own recent visits to the Eastern bloc, with the hope of forming a uniform strategy which respects the different needs of each emerging democracy.

Unrest in the Soviet repub-

lics, which could influence the EC's strategy on Eastern Europe, according to a commission spokesman, will also be discussed.

A motion by the centre right in the European Parliament to set up a "European Democracy Fund" enabling opposition groups fighting elections in the East to buy basic campaign equipment has been overturned by the powerful Socialists.

M Jean-Pierre Cot, the Socialists' leader, said it could help finance extremist rightwing parties, while Christian and Democrats and Conservative MEPs who proposed the resolution, argued such funds are vital to ensure fair elections in Eastern Europe.

Yeltsin attacks champagne lifestyle

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

spoken reformist member of the Soviet Congress of Peoole's Deputies, has added spice to his attack on Presi-Mainichi newspaper. dent Gorbachov by accusing him of leading a champagne lifestyle that Mrs Thatcher and other Western leaders dare not enjoy, and by boasting that he could give the

state," Mr Yeltsin told Japan's luxury cars plus an escort. "Although 48 million Soviet citizens are living below the In our country, the KGB

lowest standard of living, the leaders are indulging in the most unnecessary luxuries.

"For example, when Mrs Thatcher visits a foreign country, she rides in the same plane

chov, the head of a socialist chov uses a procession of four "Mrs Thatcher orders food

herself and pays for it herself. delivers food to the leaders free of charge."

On his prospects of becoming leader, he said: "If there were a presidential election, I would have a chance. Unless that ordinary citizens use, but Gorbachov changes his own Gorbachov can't do that, stance, the situation is not

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the out- try, is leading a much more While Thatcher rides in a car favourable for him." And, of austere lifestyle than Gorba- with two other people, Gorba- his reported dislike of Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, he said: "It absolutely is not a personal confrontation. I just criticized Gorbachov for taking his wife on domestic trips for public business. International trips involve protocol, so I think wives are necessary. But, at least in the case of domestic trips, the citizens do not understand why the wife should go along. I have told

SIMON BARNES

ere is a message for the doormen, ticket checkers and officials of Wimbledon, Lord's, the Stewards Enclosure at Henley and the Royal Enclosure at Ascot. You are not really trying at all.
If you think you are good, then take a look at
the great MCG, or Melbourne Cricket Ground. During the Australia-Pakistan Test match this week, they threw out the man who has every chance of being prime minister of Australia in a few months' time,

Liberal Party. To give this magnificent effort even more weight, they threw him out in full knowledge of his identity. He just didn't have the right ticket, did he? Dress, too, is important at the MCG. In the pavilion, it is all ties and jackets, just as it is at Lord's. The code for the members' enclosure is a little more complex: "Men wearing shorts must also wear shoes and socks, while the following are not permitted: shirts without collars, brief shorts, beachwear, rubber thongs, dilapidated shoes, bare tops, bare midriff, and stripping down to sunbathe after arrival." No doubt they will

adopt these regulations for the Warner

Stand next season.

Andrew Peacock, leader of the opposition

he bizarre part of the Melbourne Test was its ghostly quality. It was a most intriguing match, close, exciting, violent, hotly contested. What more could anyone want? But hardly anybody came. Fewer than 9,000 showed up for the tense fourth day; the aggregate for the five days was only 61,537, and the place holds 100,000. Yet a floodlit one-dayer between Australia and Sri Lanka attracted 45,000. I asked Tony Greig, the former England captain turned Australian television pundit, what he thought about floodlit cricket: "I love it," he said. "Some people think it has gone too far, but I'd go further. The one-day game now subsidizes Test cricket. You cannot impose on a society something it doesn't want. It's like Real Tennis: I bet plenty of kings would not approve of tennis the way it is today."

eanwhile, the Australian Open tennis championships are carrying on at Flinders Park just across the railway line from the MCG. The most shocking news - apart from the fact that a Brit, Sarah Loosemore, has gone beyond the second round - is that Ivan Lendl has a new hat, a kind of French Foreign Legion job. It is a funny hat, but of course, Ivan is rather serious about it. "I think the tournament is about winning matches and doing your job. and the hat does its job. If I could do my job as well as the hat does, I would be fine.



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wonder if Geoffrey Boycott is going to become the greatest cricket coach in history. Certainly few people have given as much thought to the art and science of batting, and the old boy now seems to have set his traditional secrecy aside. He has helped with the England team and, impartially enough, he has helped Dean Jones to bat so well for Australia. "I told Jones that if he had my brains and his ability he would make a batsman," Boycott said. "I told him he got himself out more often than the bowlers did, and that's criminal." It won't be long before a Boycott old boy network dominates world cricket — well, if that ever happens, it will certainly raise the standards.

f you think the Commonwealth Games, which start in Auckland next weekend, have their political troubles, take a look at the Pan-American Games of next year. They will be held in Cuba. Already they have dropped one sport, ninepin bowling of all things, because they cannot get the equipment from the US. This is not the only problem to spring from the economic sanctions first imposed against Cuba in the Sixties. The Games people cannot get drug test equipment from the States either, and where would modern sport be without that? Furthermore, as things stand, coverage by the American TV network ABC is barred by law. However, the US is likely to have the largest contingent of athletes, apart from the host nation. I am sure there is logic behind all this, but it eludes me at present.

s Armenians and Azerbaijanis plunge into national

conflict, some Americans are still preoccupied with the Soviet threat. A writer in the Los Angeles Times this week warns his readers not to be fooled by the reports coming from the Soviet Union. The apparent relaxation of the Kremlin's grip is just a Machiavellian ploy, designed to get the West to drop its guard, so that the communists

can take over. This school of thought also has a few adherents in Britain. Those who see things that way are likely to find confirmation of their view in the deployment of Soviet forces in Azerbaijan. "Look! The tanks are moving in! Nothing has changed!"

In reality, the tanks are not there to impose communism but to try to avert anarchy, by suppressing a local civil war. In that respect, Gorbachov's move in Azerbaijan may be compared to the British government's decision, in 1969, to deploy troops in Northern Ireland.

Those who hope that the deployment of Soviet forces in Azerbaijan will soon bring peace to the area are likely to find the analogy with Northern Ireland very discouraging. It suggests that the troops are likely to be still in Azerbaijan, trying to keep

Conor Cruise O'Brien on the religious threat facing Gorbachov

First set the Muslims free

the peace, 20 years from now. However, I don't think they will be. I think they will be gone within five years, perhaps sooner. Not because a solution will have been found but because they will have given up, in the face of a far larger and more dannting problem than that in Northern Ireland.

When the troops leave, the Soviet Union may be gone along with them. Boris Yeltsin, the Kremlin dissident, said this week that the Soviet Union "could destroy itself within as little as three months". And it is in the southern region, Azer-baijan and Armenia, that the process of violent dissolution is most advanced. I fear it is likely to continue there and spread to other regions.

One major factor in spreading the contagion is likely to be Islam, Westerners, and also the Soviet media, see the role of the troops sent to Azerbaijan as primarily to protect Armenians against Azerbaijani violence. But Muslims will see the Soviet government as having thrown its weight behind a Christian aggressor against a Muslim

In an article on this page on

Wednesday an Azerbaijani politician was quoted as saying: We are always punished when we retaliate against Armenian oppression." When I read that "always" I began to wonder about the events of 1915, as they appear in our Western history books. Are we now to believe that it was the Armenians who massacred the oppressed Turks, and not the other way round? I rather doubt this, but I don't doubt that Muslims, in the Soviet Union today, see Armenians as the aggressors.

This means that any Muslims

who die - whatever the provocation - at the hands of the Soviet forces will appear as martyrs, slaughtered because of their religion by the enemies of their religion. A fertile theme for sacred eloquence in any mosque

old non-militant mullahs, controlled and monitored from Moscow, will be a dying breed under the new conditions. The ground is being prepared for a jihad, in addition to the Soviet

Union's other afflictions. It may be thought that this is too dark a picture. At various times during the past three decades a Muslim insurrection has been prophesied, but it never came about, not even after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. But in those earlier periods and even up to the beginning of this year, there was always a conviction that Moscow would use overwhelming force against any ethnic or national group attempting secession. This year, with the assurance to the Baltic republics that force would in no circumstances be used against them, seccession by every repub-

lic has become an option. For Muslims, secession from an infidel polity, if it is possible, becomes a duty. It is contrary to

God's will that infidels should rule over Muslims. It should be the other way round. In the old days, under Stalin and his successors, public dissemination of that basic Islamic principle was not allowed. But the advent of Gorbachov and glasnost undermined the old system of control. Glasnost in the mosques

moves readily towards jihad It might reasonably be asked why, if seccession is allowed, people should need to resort to jihad. But such cold logic is not applicable to most real-life secession situations. Most of these include conflicts between neighbours, disputes over boundaries, violent passions over "sacred" and "inalienable" patches of territory. The dissolution of the Soviet Union, however the Kremlin tries to handle it, will be a messy and a bloody business.

Boris Yeltsin, who was very busy this week undermining Gorbachov, in preparation for the coming elections to the Supreme Soviet, has been urging

the pouring on of more perestroika as a panacea. But perestroika, even if available, could not hold the Soviet Union together. The idea that economic advances promote inter-ethnic and other religious harmony is an illusion. The most prosperous of India's communities are the Sikhs of the Punjab, and these are also the most given to religious and political violence.

The Soviet Union - whether it retains that name or not - will probably be reduced to Russia proper along with the Ukraine and Byelorussia in some kind of federation, or confederation, of equal states. That core area, plus the Baltic republics and perhaps Georgia, has reasonable prospects. In much of the rest of the Soviet Union, life — especially for minorities — is likely to be worse than it was under communism, since anarchy is worse

than communism. Unfortunately, the attempt to avert anarchy by military means, under present conditions in the Soviet Union, is likely to accelerate the anarchy and spread it. Gorbachov should stop trying to save areas that cannot be saved, and should concentrate his energies on the core area. He is going to have his work cut out if he is to save Russia itself from reverting into barbarism.

The expert touch in danger of extinction

hould Members of Parliament have outside interests? Let me declare mine at once. I am on the board of a bank (shame!), a consultant to an international law firm (disgrace!) and an American money house (resign!). I am also a trustee of the Open University (good fellow!), a governor of the English National Ballet (cultured fellow!) and on the board of Harvard University (intelligent fellow!). Not least, there is a tidy sum earned from writing for news-papers (unprintable expletives!).

Is any of this right? Would I be a better representative of the good citizens of Kensington if I dropped the whole lot tomorrow morning and bound myself exclusively to the eternal proceedings of the House? There is a growing call for MPs to do just that: their parliamentary business and none other. It should not be listened to.

The tradition of Parliament is long and wise. The job of a backbencher is not intended to be a full-time one. A backbencher is best who brings the outside bustle and business of the world with him to the House of Commons. He is, ideally, the аостог writer who still wields his pen, the oddball with oddball interests, the trade unionist who fights for his members or the philanthropist for his cause; the list would not be representative without the inevitable rogue who goes about his roguish ways. Parliament is for human beings, not for people whose only interest is the last manifesto.

Ask all 650 MPs to be full-time at the legislative wheel and sensible government would soon cease. Their number alone makes that prospect a nonsense: a handful of Dennis Skinners fine parliamentarians or club bores, depending on your view is all the place can take. There are more Members of Parliament than there are law makers in the two chambers of the United States Congress combined; and they legislate for a country with fewer than a quarter of America's population.

Why? Because it is understood that the great majority will be there, in Burke's phrase, as representatives" to support or oppose the government, not continually to meddle with it. And it is the government alone, about 100 out of those 650, who are rightly expected to be in fulltime employment, free from outside bias or interest. They (and a few members of the Opposition front bench) have one employer and none other:

Her Majesty. But such clear constitutional thinking has given way to more drear expectations - which quite a few MPs, to their discredit, encourage. They must be forever busying themselves, either in the Commons or their constituency, as if activity passed for action or geniality for judgement. To take time off to work on the intriguing problems of international trade or to wrestle with

Dudley Fishburn believes the growing pressure to confine MPs to the parliamentary grindstone would be counter-productive



the near insolvency of a ballet company is increasingly mal vu.

he outside job or interest has fallen into disrepute with the growth of lobbying. The Commons rattles with stories of MPs who are paid to ask questions to promote this change in the law or that policy. "Dear Minister, I represent Consolidated International. Please give them the dosh" - that, apparently, is the kind of correspondence now winging its way around Whitehall at the behest of lobbyists who have paid MPs to represent them. That sounds a rather miserable way of earning a living. It is not in any way an outside interest; it is, rather the

contrary, inside tinkering. It is also, in my view, unethical. But in someone else's it may not be. So be it. The one thing to avoid, as is now being suggested, is more rules to prescribe what is ethical and what is not. Judgement is in the head or it is nowhere. Consider what has happened in Congress. Complicated rules have been drawn up which invite congressmen to abandon the still small voice of individual conscience for a code of practice. So long as they are operating within the rules, all's well. Indeed, Jim Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives until his recent resignation for corruption, defended himself by claiming that he went up to the limits of the rule book, but not beyond them. If ethics come to this, we are in

trouble indeed. The rules at Westminster

governing outside earnings are clear and surprisingly sensible. An MP registers his commercial and other interests in a book. If he wishes to speak on the floor of the House concerning an industry from which he receives personal benefit then, quite simply, he says so in the course of his remarks. I have seen times when this causes ripples of laughter. At other times, conversely, the House cocks an intelligent ear in the hope that here, finally, is someone who knows what he is

talking about. At question time an interest does not have to be declared but I cannot believe that a wise man would not volunteer it. I certainly did on the one occasion that I have asked such a question - on the subsidy given to the English National Ballet: none, I trust, thought it immoral. Nor have my outside paymasters ever asked me to influence the government. Their interest in me rests not in what I can do for them in Parliament but rather in keeping them abreast of what Parliament might do to them.

noch Powell, that stern constitutionalist, steadfastly refused to register his interests, on the logical ground that he, as a sovereign Member of Parliament, was not answerable to any imposed rules of behaviour. He had his own conscience and thank you, that was enough for him. If MPs' outside interests were curtailed there would be two consequences. Parliament would become the preserve ei-ther of those who wished to live exclusively off the £26,000 salary - or those with independent outside wealth: a narrow choice

and not a healthy one. The supply of outside experience would soon dry up. In particular, international know-ledge — which this country needs in abundance to bustle in the world - must by definition be impossible. Parliament cannot

shackle itself thus. When I was on the Water Bill standing committee, a fine Labour MP declared at every amendment that the Government's action would ruin the habitat of the lesser spotted flycatcher, or some such. He was an officer of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. fine Tory argued, no, it was the brown trout that was at risk. He was briefed by the angling lobby and got, I hope, a few days' free

fishing. I argued for a National Trust amendment to protect the uplands: my father-in-law had been director-general of the Trust and I hoped, not least, for some parental approval. Were we all villains? I think not. Would we have been villains had the recompense been higher - is there higher recompense than parental approval? I think not. A backbencher without in-

terests is just that: a backbencher without interest. The author has been Conservative MP for Kensington since

Peter Brimelow

Socialism in new guise

New York ast year Robert Heilbroner, author of the perennially best-selling economics survey, The Worldly Philosophers, began an article in The New Yorker with this ringing statement: "Less than 75 years after it officially began, the competition between capitalism and socialism is over. Capital-

ism has won. Heilbroner's article attracted a lot of attention, not least because he himself, at 70, has long been one of the most prominent American socialist sympathizers. Of course, what he said has become common coin, particularly since Russia's empire in Eastern Europe began to disinte-grate. As the State Department's Francis Fukuyama put it last autumn, in his even more sensa-tional National Interest magazine article entitled, "The End of History", there now appears to be no "viable systematic alternative" to the West's "promarket, antistatist" way of

organizing society. Even to those of us who are still (ahem) quite young, this is an astonishing turnaround. Well into the 1970s, most educated people would rattle off at the drop of a new government programme a fluent litany about earlier times, but now the world was too complicated and needed co-ordination by the state. It was as if they had learned it at school as indeed they usually had.

Even businessmen, with varying degrees of surliness, seemed to assume an implicit theory of history that ran from laissezfaire in the Garden of Eden to nationalization, planning and price control in the Gethsemane of Callaghan and Carter. Curiously, this was probably the exact reverse of the truth. The earliest known writing, the Code of Hammurabi, is largely a list of controlled prices.

Today, such faith apparently survives in its pristine form only in Southern Africa. "I think they all see that communism is the wave of the future," a young (white) South African financial journalist said of her colleagues two years ago in Johannesburg. She was surprised that I was

surprised. But if socialism is dead, why won't it lie down? The classical definition of socialism is the government ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. And at first glance, there

is not a lot of it in the America of

George Bush. Recently, however, I took a look in Forbes at some other measures of the government's role. The picture was much more mixed. In 1987, the last year for which we could get good statistics, government spending as a proportion of gross national product was nearly 37 per cent, about as high as it had ever been in peacetime. Spending by the federal government did reach a peacetime peak in 1983, under the alleged budget-cutter Ronald Reagan. Subsequently it fell although by only a couple of

percentage points - but Ameri-can state and local governments rushed in and filled the gap.

This still leaves the American economy considerably less government-dominated than the welfare states of Western Europe, of course. In 1987 EC governments spent an average of 51 per cent of national GNP, also a record. But both are far above the levels of 20 years ago. Socialism is ultimately about

political control of the economy. However, ownership is not necessary for control. Regulating the rent a landlord can charge redistributes resources without passing one cent through government accounts.

The level of government regulation in the economy is difficult to measure. One traditional method used by US economists has been to count the annual number of pages in the Federal Register, in which all federal agency decrees have to be recorded. By late 1980, this number was growing exponentially - quadruple that of ten years earlier, itself a peacetime record, and heading straight up.

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Now, when you plot it on a graph, it looks like the Matterhorn - but a Matterhorn connected to a jagged mountain range about two-thirds up on the right. Regulatory activity did apparently drop under Reagan, but only to mid-1970s levels. Currently, it is on an upward jag.

his impression is roughly confirmed by the work of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University in St Louis. Missouri, which monitors the amount spent on the federal regulatory agencies. It makes the reasonable assumption that if you hire regulators, they don't sit around all day but actually go out and regulate.

Adjusted for inflation, spending on regulatory agencies is more than 20 per cent above its record level when Reagan came to power. Expressed as a share of GNP - which of course is affected by the economy's strong growth — it is slightly below its 1980 level, although far above that of ten years before. Generally, the centre comments, Reagan did seem to slow, if not stop or reverse, the growth of federal regulation in his first term. But after 1984 the old trends resumed.

Socialism is not dead in America. It has merely mutated. And with its new form, it has a new rationale. Previously, it was iustified in terms of efficiency it would prevent slumps. Now it is justified in terms of equity for example, extirpating discrimination through racial and gender quotas.

Lord Acton said that all power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Absolute socialism has lead to the catastrophe of Eastern Europe. Qualified socialism - neosocialism? - will lead to qualified catastrophe. But catastrophe none the less.

The author is a senior editor of Forbes Magazine.

Oh dear! "Lord Denning speaks out" - and a Times leading

article about sex. I'm sure they're both right, of course. As to Lord Denning, his shock at events in Scotland is natural. The mere thought of entering the gay discotheques of Whitchurch, Hurstbourne Priors and Wootton St Lawrence, and finding Lord Denning attempting the lambada, outrages as much by its improbability as its impropriety. Any sneaking reflection that in such fantastic circumstances one might want to give the old boy an encouraging squeeze on the arm, rather than an admonitory slap in the face, must be banished almost before it is

entertained. As to The Times, it would be impertinent to tease. Those leading articles are guiding stars not just to the political but also to the personal side of one's life, and I

No, you could never blackmail me

found great comfort in the final paragraphs of yesterday's leader. which assured me that it was not wrong to be tempted, only to succumb. If it were possible to thank whomever wrote it for that kindly thought, one would want to: but leader-writers keep this side of their lives secret, I'm afraid. Hmm.

I confess, though, that the earlier part of the article worried me. Apparently I am in danger of being blackmailed. This is perplexing. Since the day when I decided it was best to be honest about my sexual preferences a few impediments have been put in my way, but the likelihood of blackmail seemed (to my un-

tutored judgement) to have diminished.

Of course the Sunday Shockers are skilled at turning common knowledge into an exclusive revelation. "WE REVEAL", one might have read, "the House of Commons speech on the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order, that Parris thought only he and Mr Speaker knew about, (See p17 for more stunning extracts from Hansard.)" Or, perhaps, "Self-confessed Soviet agent Boris Plikovsky was arrested last night at Dover, bound for Moscow with secret tape-recordings of an Oxford Union debate involving Tory backbencher Matthew



I await the anonymous telephone call. "Meester Parris? Thees ees the Red Scorpion. Unless you wish us to publish the Tory Conference Handbook linking your name with the Conser-

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vative Group for Homosexual Equality, then you will write four parliamentary sketches this month ridiculing Mrs Thatcher ..." Click - Brr. Rats! And I had only planned to write three.

I suppose there was a time when I really was (theoretically) blackmailable. That was after I joined the Foreign Office but before it struck me that you only live once. Of course I should never have joined. After Cambridge, MI6 had already offered me a job as a spy and "positively vetted" me, and if that didn't suggest I was a security risk, then

what would? Besides I should have reflected on the fact that, were my private

life more public, I might be sacked - and decided there and then to forsake my choice of career. Oddly enough I decided to stick to my career-choice, and keep quiet about my private life: an eccentric decision, quite out of accord with human nature, which probably arose from not having read enough newspaper editori-

als. Few would react like this. But in the event only one attempt was (arguably) made to subvert me. A very good-looking Bulgarian diplomat approached me at a north London party given by a mutual friend in the Foreign Office, and asked me if I would give him a lift in my car to the Cromwell Road. I agreed.

He sat rather too close. That is how I knew he had terrible breath. His assignment failed! There is a lesson, here, for the Bulgarian Intelligence authorities. Some months later he sent me a friendly postcard from Bulgaria. I handed it immediately to the Foreign Office security people.

But I could not have been blackmailed, even then. I could not be blackmailed now. That is because I believe in justice, and accept as just a country which, for its part, accepts me: and which I love. The only times when I feel even the tiniest bit subvertible are when something causes me to doubt that acceptance.

So, dear reader, next time you see a Scottish judge in a gay bar, then, so long as he's not doing anyone any harm or breaking the law, take my advice. Shake his



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THE MARSHAL'S LEGACY

For the first time since Marshal Tito's death 10 years ago, there will be genuine popular interest in the outcome of the congress of Yugoslavia's League of Communists. The congress, which opens today, is the sole remaining forum for the six parties of the federal republic's fractious national communities.

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This, the league's 14th extraordinary congress, may well be the last. So numerous and inexorable are the centrifugal forces which are now loosening the ties between the Serbs and the smaller nationalities, that a multiple divorce of the constituent parts of the Titoist movement now seems more likely than not. Whether a break-up of the federal party brings the disintegration of Yugoslavia itself in its train depends very much on one man.

Whether Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian party leader, has been a blessing for his country is open to doubt. His followers - who turn out in their hundreds of thousands to cheer his fiery oratory - claim that he has prevented the murder or expulsion from Kosovo by the Albanian majority of the region's Serbian inhabitants. His critics, including most of the non-Serbian population, see him as a dangerous demagogue, who has whipped up enthusiasm for a "Greater Serbia" and manipulated the ancient hostility towards Islam in order to establish Serbian supremacy: not only over the Yugoslav Albanians, but also the richer and more Western republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

More objective observers would scarcely deny that he is an authoritarian communist of the old school with aspirations to assume the mantle of Tito. Mr Milosevic has, to say the least, failed to discourage millions of Serbs from hanging his portrait alongside the Marshal's, or even in place of it. The cult of the personality apart, however, the Serbian leader has yet to show any achievements comparable to Tito's.

If this weekend he refuses to bend to the wishes of his Slovene and Croatian comrades for the transformation of the Communist League into a social democratic platform on which to fight multi-party elections, he may tear Yugoslavia apart. This would be a recipe for the Albanianization of Serbia: a strange prospect for Mr Milosevic to offer his people. Should Mr Milosevic decide after all not to

provoke the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, free elections will have to be announced this weekend, signalling the end of the party's hold on power. Amid the turmoil elsewhere in Central and Eastern Europe, yet another abandonment of the communist monopoly of power may seem both belated and unsurprising. Yet there was more to Titoism than communism alone.

Part of that legacy is a legend of civilian suffering, military heroism and ultimate victory over the Germans and their Croat allies. The Army still sees itself as the guardian of Titoism, and in recent days there has been sabre-rattling from officers who rightly scent decay in the mausoleum to defunct theories which Yugoslavia has become.

Alone, the generals would have little chance of imposing military rule for long; but if Mr Milosevic chose to align himself with them, a civilian façade might be maintained. Since Slovenes and Croats, at least, would not tolerate such a regime, the country might easily be plunged into a civil war which could only end in the amputation of its healthiest limbs.

Fortunately, such a bloody scenario is still unlikely. It serves, however, as a reminder of the sinister side of the Marshal's legacy - one which has tended to be forgotten during the past 10 chaotic years of jockeying for position among the pygmies who succeeded him.

Yugoslavia today is a divided and intolerant society. Its ruined economy suffers from hyper-inflation, negative returns on capital investment, heavy dependence on the meagre earnings of returning Yugoslav "guest workers", whose jobs in West Germany are now being taken by Germans from the East. Tito's secret police and his unscrupulous methods of destroying opposition did not die with him: it is no accident that Mr Milosevic is presently conducting the only show trials in Europe. Painful as it must be for a country to face the truth about its patriarch, the time has come for Yugoslavia to consign Titoism to history and emerge from his shadow.

There are signs that Serbs, as well as other Yugoslavs, understand the need to build on the positive aspects of the Marshal's legacy: the preservation of a viable federal state. Mr Milosevic would not be the right man to carry

MAKING IT WORK

The long poll tax marathon in Parliament is over. The Conservative whips have successfully twisted the arms of enough of their potential backbench rebels and ministers can again breathe freely. If, in Disraeli's classic dictum "one is enough" for parliamentary power, then the majorities of 46 and 36 which the Government secured on Thursday for the arrangements for the amount and distribution of Exchequer money to local authorities were

ample. This said, however, it was no light matter for 26 Tory MPs to vote against approving the level of central funding for local councils, or for 31 of them to vote against the mechanism for distributing the grant. What is more, the rebels were drawn from both right and left of the party and included many who are convinced Thatcherites and market supporters. The Government got its majorities because the general political risks of any failure to do so would have been too frightful for Tory MPs to contemplate.

Ministers can have no illusion, therefore, that they have necessarily heard the last of controversy over what they prefer to call the community charge. It has, from the outset, been fraught with difficulties and even its best friends cannot say that it was conceived as a platonically perfect ideal mechanism for raising local taxation.

It began, in fact, as an expedient. Its origin was in Mrs Thatcher's personal commitment to get rid of the unfair system of rates and to find a better way. Her original disposition had been to favour some sort of local income tax, but the Layfield committee had concluded in 1976 that this was not feasible.

The concept was therefore devised of a community charge levied on all individuals. with reduced liability for poorer people who secure a rebate through the social security system. Local authorities should therefore be more responsive to the poll tax payers while those who pay the charge have every reason to call their local councils to account for their spending habits. To rescue businesses (without any voting power) from being driven away

from high-rated districts the uniform business rate is to be levied and then distributed over the country.

Both devices have attracted much criticism. As a result, the increases from the uniform business rate will be limited over the first five years. But while industry, in many areas (usually Labour-controlled) which were overcharged will now benefit, businesses in other areas, notably in the South-east, will be worse off. There will be winners but also losers.

With the community charge on individuals the principal concession has been to soften the initial impact of the new system by a redistribution of the Government grant to benefit the areas likely to be hardest hit which are mostly Labour-controlled. This, however, will be largely at the expense of Tory areas. Local authorities will be allowed to spend 11.1 per cent more next year, including 8.5 per cent more money coming from central government and from the business rate.

But under the safety net arrangements, low spending authorities (most of them Tory) which would otherwise gain substantially by the community charge, will have to forgo half that gain in the first year. Government funding allowing them to benefit in full only takes effect in the second year - which is part of the reason for Tory resentment.

Far from being a clear and perfect system, therefore, the community charge is one that has had to be trimmed by expediency and patched by compromise. Its political effect is still to be felt and the local council elections in May will be the first indicator. Tories should recognize, however, as Mr Norman Tebbit observed in the Commons this week, that this is the future system of local government and that it is at least no more unfair than the old rating system.

On the other hand, its details are not sacrosanct. The sensible thing to do now is to accept the system and see how it works. It will still be possible for the Government to deal with any adverse side-effects if this is necessary in the next year or two.

Children's needs

From Mrs Charles D. Brandreth Sir, I would like to express my complete agreement with Mrs Douglas-Pennant's opinion (January 3) on the needs of children ing considered when plans are being are being made for extendine child-care facilities.

For five months of each year I tutor, on a one-to-one basis dyslexic children between the ages of five and 11. I tutor in a Catholic perochial school in Southern California, which provides good day care for children whose

parents are working. Day care covers the period outside the regular school hours i.e., from 7.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Most of the children I tutor have

To memory dear

From Mr T. Murrell Sit, Prompted by Mr MacGregor's letter (January 16) on static school fees in the 1930s and by the new stamp (photograph, January 6) depicting the queens Elizabeth and Victoria, I was prompted to rummage through my schoolboy stamp collection to refresh my

own memory of static charges. I find I had acquired an cavelone with a "penny red", franked Lynn, November, 1851,

parents who take advantage (at a cost!) of this facility. The children have all told me, repeatedly and unasked, that they "hate" day

When told that the extra income thus carned provides luxuries that they would not otherwise enjoy very often "summer camp" which American children love - they all with one voice say they would rather have Mom at home - and be at home.

These are children of an age to understand why an extra income might be needed. What about the under-sixes, who are unable to express their views?

Yours faithfully. ALICE BRANDRETH 2 Clarence Gate Gardens, NW1.

and was able to send myself an envelope exactly 100 years later, still for one penny. I note also that the 1851

envelope rivals Mr Harte's letter (January 16) for its brevity of address, stating simply: Curzon Esq., Lynn". Yorus faithfully, T. MURRELL Adelaide Dock Endsleigh Road

A piece of history From Mr John-Paul Ross

Sir, The cask fashioned from the bowsprit of HMS Victory (letters. January 2 and 16) is matched, on my desk as I write, with a similar earlier souvenir but from a much later ship. This is also a miniature cask, bearing a brass label that reads, "From the teak of HMS Iron Duke Admiral Jellicoe's Flagship. Jutland 1916".

This relic belonged to my late father, a naval officer of the "old" Navy — "Britannia" school. He was not at Jutland himself, but I still vividly remember how, at the age of 71/2, I was woken up by my mother in our farm lodgings close to the then naval harbour of Invergordon to listen to the distant rumble of heavy gunfire from a great naval battle then in progress.

Next day we learned of Jutland and I was taken with my sisters to Invergordon to see the return of some of the ships, with flames spouting from their damaged moke-stacks and with their tattered rags of battle-colours still proudly flying. Yours etc., J-P. B. ROSS, Château de la Ferrière,

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49500 Segré, France.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irradiation as health hazard

From Sir Julian Rose Sir, It is to be greatly regretted that the Lords have failed to bring the Government to its senses concerning the proposal to introduce food irradiation techniques into this country (report, January 12).

It should be readily apparent that this is a "high-tech" attempt to paper over the rapidly widening cracks of our modern food production techniques. Food irradiation marks the zenith of misguided technical "fixes" for problems that have to be tackled at source, via a bold and possibly radical reappraisal of the way we produce, handle and distribute our food.

When 60 per cent of chicken carcasses in shops and 50 per cent of raw pork sausages are found to be partially infected with salmonella or listeria, it is the height of irresponsibility to proclaim that the only solution is to sterilize the offending products with powerful doses of gamma radiation.

Soft cheese, chicken and pork have formed the ingredients of many household diets for generations. It is evidently the "increasing sophistication of systems of production and processing" that lies behind the steep rise in incidents of often severe food poisoning now being detected.

Consumer trends are moving strongly towards fresh, flavourful, unadulterated foods, preferably grown without recourse to agrochemicals and growth-forcing techniques. Many would prefer to buy this produce locally, before it has gone through the debilitating mass distribution network.

If they could, their chances of being effected by listeria, salmonella or most other sources of food poisoning would be considerably lessened and their general health greatly improved. Yours faithfully,

Path Hill Farm Cottage, Goring Heath, Near Reading, Oxfordshire. January 14.

Handling salmon From the Director of the Salmon &

Trout Association Sir, I do hope that the report in today's Times (January 16) that the first salmon of the season caught on the River Tay was quickly thrown back is incorrect.

The majority of anglers have respect for their quarry and especially for the "king of fish", salmon. Fish destined to be eaten should be speedily and mercifully despatched. Those being returned should be handled carefully, the hook removed without damaging the flesh, the fish replaced in the hance the oxygen flow) and held until it has recovered sufficiently to swim away.

According to the report, the fish was a kelt - i.e., a salmon which has spawned and was on its way back to the sea. As such it is protected by the law and it would have been an offence if the fish had been taken. The hope implicit in the law is that kelts will return to spawn again; all the more reason for handling them with due care. Yours faithfully, JAMES FERGUSON, Director,

The Salmon & Trout Association, Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, EC4.

Vetting visitors

From Mr Stuart J. Lawson Sir, May I recommend to Mrs Pearce, who seeks a method of dealing with unexpected callers (January 18), a door bell that doesn't work and a door with no knocker. I haven't been plagued with visitors for nearly three years. Yours faithfully, STUART LAWSON, 44 Marford Road,

Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire. From Mrs Mary S. Jackson Sir, My "stage props" are a large all-enveloping apron and a tape measure round the neck, which always elicit the response, "I know you're very busy so I won't keep you". They have proved invaluable, particularly during Wimbledon fortnight when the doorbell always rings at match point.
Yours faithfully,
MARY S. JACKSON,

Jackroyd Lane, Newsome, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Tautz & Co.

Needs of disabled From Sir Peter Tennant

Sir, May I comment on Ian McColl's article of January 5 ("Wheelchairs: still symbols of a world apart"). Design for the disabled, as for any other group, begins with the market; it is not what well-meaning Civil Servants or manufacturers may think is good for them. Few who can afford to buy a

wheelchair would think of buying one approved by the NHS when they have a choice of welldesigned imported chairs from Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, the USA and most recently France, supported by their own disabled minister for the disabled, M Gillibert. How many of the 70,000 wheelchairs bought annually by the NHS from a monopsony of suppliers compete in export markets?

Alas, there are only a few disabled people who can afford the choice of imported chairs, many of them being those who have benefited from substantial compensation for accidents. There is little or no choice for those who are born disabled or have become victims of disabling diseases in

Fears of dying alone in hospital

From Ms Marjorie Wallace

Sir, I read with interest your article, "Case for kid gloves", (Health, January 11), about the efforts of the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital to ease the anxiety of young patients by allowing their mothers to stay with them.

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I still remember, as a child of five, the desperation I felt when my parents left me in hospital for the night. But on the various occasions when my own four children have needed hospital treatment mothers have been permitted - even expected - to be there at all times. There is no doubting the difference it made.

But it is not only children who become frightened and depressed when they are left alone in hospital. Could we not extend the same humanity to older people who are seriously or dangerously ill? Why should they face their hardest moments alone, suddenly and often brutally removed from the presence of their partner, family or friend?

A few weeks ago my mother spent five weeks in hospital suffering a series of strokes from which she died. She had been an adventurous and courageous woman, but she dreaded, as many do, being in hospital at the moment when visitors leave, the car doors shut and they drive

Science too pure?

From Professor J. C. Willmott Sir, In his article of January 4, Mr David Davis, MP, reminded us that Britain has a superb record in winning Nobel prizes, but a very poor record in turning scientific ideas into profitable technological products. Unfortunately, I believe his proposals, by themselves, will not do much to improve the

The fundamental problem in this country is not the balance of funding between interest-led research and project-led research (the distinction Mr Davis should have made) but in the status and respect which is accorded to scientists and engineers in most areas of British society.

It is, I believe, no accident that we have outstanding successful chemical and pharmaceutical industries, for both of them eagerly seek out the best scientists our universities produce and reward them appropriately; but in most of British industry the idea of paying an engineer as much as a lawyer or accountant is apparently regarded as laughable. As a result, an increasing number of our best

Riding in the Row

From Mr Nicholas Lavender Sir, The correspondence in your columns (January 9, 13) reminds me of the following passage from George Gissing's Workers in the Dawn, published in 1880:

"Where is your ride to be to-day?", asked Helen. Where, my dear child? Why, in the Row, of course. Where else can a civilised person ride, I should like to know. Waghorn calls for me at

Do you enjoy your ride in the Enjoy it? My dear Helen, you grow more naive every day. Is it meant to be enjoyed, think you? Do you suppose that any soul ever does enjoy it?... We go to the Row to show ourselves, and purely from a sense of duty. Society requires it of us. Who would venture to question the dictates of society?

Yours faithfully NICHOLAS LAVENDER, 37 Steerforth Street, Earlsfield, SW18.

From Mrs S. E. Havdon Sir, Mrs Stella Walker (January 13) may still gain the rosette she sadly failed to win in the 1930s equestrian concours d'élégance if she remembers her spurs. Certainly her Tautz riding jacket, with perhaps minor refurbishment, will

stand up to examination.

For one elegant equestrienne we have recently been asked to let out a few seams in a riding jacket made for the young lady's great aunt in the 1920s. That refurbished Tautz jacket may yet appear in Rotten Row, although we understand that it is intended for the even sterner scrutiny of show jumping. Yours faithfully

S. E. HAYDON (Manager), 19 Clifford Street, Savile Row, WI

There are all too few manufacturers who understand the importance of the disabled market. both at home and abroad, and the opportunities it offers for the use of new technologies and lighter

and stronger materials. The time has come for designers to design from the market to the product, not the other way round. Yours sincerely PETER TENNANT.

Blue Anchor House, Linchmere Road, Hasiemere, Surrey. January 6.

From the Chief Executive of Arthritis Care Sir, Is it respect that disabled people need, as Lord McColl says in his article, or is it equality of

opportunity, which implies an integrated education system and the ability to make real choices? Arthritis, the most common cause of physical disability in the UK, is a painful disabling disease which can make it difficult to do

everyday tasks. For example, an

ordinary 13-amp plug costs 75p,

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away, abandoning the patient to the long hospital night.

As it happens, she was in a private hospital which allowed her to use a "mother and child room", where the family could take it in turns to spend the night with her. Although she could not speak or move, her eyes expressed joy and relief that she was not alone.

We should be campaigning now, as James Robertson did for the children in the 1950s, to prevent the unnecessary suffering and fear that critically ill patients face, by making hospital rules more flexible, so that a member of the family or close friend can when necessary spend the night.

Experience in children's hospitals suggests this should not be impossible. Many hospitals are imited by nursing resources rather than space. With imaginative reorganisation of this space for amenity rooms and put-up beds, it should be possible to make room for the patient-carers. And they could well reduce the load on hospital staff, as happens in many parts of Europe and the world.

Surely, we should all have the choice, if not the right, to spend our last nights on earth in the presence of someone whom we love or loves us. Yours faithfully.

MARJORIE WALLACE Nuffield College, Oxford. Japuary 15.

science graduates are going into finance and accountancy. An education in the arts auto-

matically offers a training in the skill of trying to persuade people to look an established body of knowledge in a different light, the very stuff of politics. But technological development requires the quantitative approach, and the dealing with falsifiable ideas that come naturally to scientists who have practised their trade for several years.

Until this mode of thought is respected and rewarded as much as the modes of the arts person and accountant, and is equally represented in the higher reaches of government, industry and the Civil Service, Mr Davis's ideas will not go far to improve the situation. We are paying dearly for an almost slavish following of the dictum, usually attributed to Churchill, that "scientists should be on tap, but not on top".

Yours faithfully, J. C. WILLMOTT, Office of Research and Technology Transfer, University of Manchester,

Crisis in the Caucasus

From the Reverend Dr V. Nersessian

Sir, Tamara Dragadze ("Why Baku is stained with blood". January 17) attributes the tragedy in Azerbaijan largely to "lack of reliable information". She also claims that the Azerbaijanis are retaliating against "Armenian oppression". Neither is true.

The just demand of the Armenians to restore Nagorno-Karabakh to the Soviet Republic of Armenia was not a product of perestroika. The demand has been made annually since the 1960s, but in the last three years, as a result of perestroika, the West has become more aware of the dis-

The Soviet Republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan joined the Soviet Union at the same time (1918) but the response of the two nations to perestroika could not have been more different. While in the small Republic of Armenia half a million people expressed their aspiration in peaceful manner with decorum, dignity and even restraint — under the impression that a new age had dawned of democratic principles and tolerance for expression neighbouring Azerbaijan resorted to terror and murder at Sumgait.

It is highly irresponsible to say that the demand for the restoration of Nagorno-Karabakh is a consequence of Armenia's desire to restore Greater Armenia. Greater Armenia ceased to exist in 1065 after the fall of Ani, the capital of the Armenian Bagratid kingdom.

Yours sincerely V. NERSESSIAN,

32 Beechwood Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex.

need a plug with a handle which costs £2.15. Without a comprehensive disability income recognising the extra costs of disability, it is difficult to exercise real choice.

but someone with arthritis may

Yours faithfully, JEAN GAFFIN, Chief Executive, Arthritis Care.

5 Grosvenor Crescent, SWI. From Mr Digby Jacks Sir, Professor McColl apparently

fails to appreciate that there is a general and reciprocal relationship between poverty and disability. The voucher scheme which he advocates would result in a twotier provision: high quality products for those who can top up their voucher with cash or credit cards (wheelchairs and limbs are expensive products) and a bog-standard NHS appliance for the majority. I fear that the vouchers would before long exchange for little

more than crutches. It would be interesting to know the Government's view. Yours et

DIGBY JACK (London Regional Officer), The Industry and Services Union, 98 St Pancras Way, NW1.

Student view of new Romania

From Mr Pascal Pamfil Sir, I am a graduate of a musical school, but I could not get a job or pursue my studies further under the Ceausescu reign. Nor could I travel abroad and meet people with similar concerns. I hope that in the future all these limitations will cease and that we will come into contact with other people, students of different European universities and cultural establishments, and come to know the art of their countries.

We hope to get scholarships and other facilities to travel freely and improve our minds. This country has been a kind of prison, and we are happy to have broken free. Our brave army and fearless youth have helped us to gain this freedom we were thirsting for.

I took part in the huge demonstration and struggles that took place in the university square. As I live quite close to the studio of the radio building in Nuferilor Street, I witnessed in the following days and nights the severe fights that took place

I helped the soldiers and other young people to the best of my abilities. I helped the men of the fire brigades to put out the fires. All the people who had defended the broadcasting station against terrorists proved to have wonderful courage and selfless obligation. Some of them did not sleep for five nights on end.

I fully agree to the programme of the National Salvation Front and I am happy to have celebrated

Christmas a free man. Long live our newly gained freedom! ours, etc PASCAL PAMFIL. Str Nuferilor 105, Bucharest Sect 1.

Romania.

January 7.

Remembering Svejk

From Mr David Robson Sir, Bernard Levin's perceptive article (January 18) on the Good Soldier Svejk reminds me that there was, on my visits to Prague in 1968 and 1978, a tangible reminder of the lovable rogue. The "Chalice" Inn where Svejk (Hasek) used to meet his friends at six o'clock" was still doing good business. So, why not a statue as well? DAVID ROBSON, 16 Salters Lane South, Darlington, Co. Durham.

Museum charges

From Sir Terence Conran Sir, In an ideal world we would have free public transport, free gas and electricity, itet public entertainment in theatres, opera houses and concert halls. and free entry to all museums and art galleries.

Well, as everybody knows, we live in a far from ideal world, especially in the UK, and do not have the benefit of the vast donations from the public and private sector, as is the case with American aesthetic institutions. Comparison is odious to those of us who try and make ends meet in this country.

I know this as an embattled trustee of the V&A, which attempts to get voluntary contributions from the visitors, and of the Design Museum, which charges a modest entry fee with no objections being voiced.

Therefore it seems to me that either the Government has to radically alter its funding arrangements or after the tax laws, or the public have to accept that they live in a country where they have to pay for their pleasure and edu-Yours faithfully

TERENCE CONRAN. Design Museum, Butlers Wharf, Shad Thames, SEI

From Mrs P. M. Millar Sir, Perhaps, as I do, many people may feel prepared to pay for admission to museums on occasional visits to other towns. These are somewhat special.

However, one's own local museum is a different matter. Here it is common practice to call in for frequent, short visits for some particular research, or merely as an interesting or informative interlude to enliven a shopping expedition. Children in particular, whose attention span is brief, benefit more from regular, brief visits than from infrequent but

lengthy ones. Could therefore local ratepayers be provided with free admission tickets for their own local museum, similar to public library tickets? This might be a satisfactory compromise with current trends, preserving to some extent the principle of free access to the nation's treasures, many of which have, in the past, been donated to museums with the express purpose of making them available, without charge, to the community. Yours faithfully, P. M. MILLAR,

3 Jessop Close, Rogerstone, Newport, Gwent.

A knotty question

From Mr J. P. Lavelle Sir, I remain ignorant on what position the end of the tie should be in when knotted; should it be to the "belt line" or to the last visible button on the shirt? Yours faithfully, J. LAVELLE,

35 Berners Drive, St Albans, Hertfordshire. January 18.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE January 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Concert given by the Choir of New College, Oxford, and the City of London Sinfonia at St John's Smith Square in aid of the New College Development Fund. The Lady Glenconner was in

Dinners

Earl Alexander of Tunis Earl Alexander of Tunis pre-sided at the annual dinner of the British Tunisian Society held last night at the House of Lords. Among those present were: The Tunisian Ambassacor, the Ambassacor of Skudi Arabia, the Algerian Ambassacor, Lord Trefgara, Lord Molloy and M Moncer Rouses.

Caledonian Club Mr Bill Kay proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory" at a Burns' Night dinner held last night at the Caledonian Club. Mr Robert Gibson and Dr Lynda Clark also spoke.

Royal Society of Chemistry

The following have been admit-Society of Chemistry during the period September - November 1989. They are entitled to use the designation "Chartered Chemistry" and the letter Chemistry and the letter Ch Chemist" and the letters CChem



Anniversaries

TODAY BIRTHS: Theobold Tone, Irish nationalist, Dublin, 1763; Andre-Marie Ampère, physicist. Lyons, 1775; Johannes Jensen, poet and novelist, Nobel laure-ate 1944, Fars, Denmark, 1873. DEATHS: David Garrick, actor-manager, London, 1779, John Howard, philanthropist and penal reformer, Kherson. 1790; Sir John Soane, architect. London, 1837; R.D. Blackmore, novelist, Teddington, Middle-sex, 1900; John Ruskin, Coniston, Cumbria, 1900. Charles Doughty, explorer in Arabia. Sissinghurst, Kent, 1926: George V, reigned 1910-36, Sandringham, 1936; Robinson Jeffers, poet, Carmel, California, 1962; Edmund Blunden.

actor, 54; Mr George Burns, actor and comedian, 94; Mr Derek Dougan, former football manager and player, 52; the Very Rev D.L. Edwards, Pro-vost of Southwark Cathedral. 61; Mr Federico Fellini, film lirector. 70; the Hon Sir Henry Fisher, former president, Wolfson College, Oxford, 72; Miss Liza Goddard, actress, 40; Lord Hanson, 68; the Marquess of Headfort, 58; Major Dick Hern, racehorse trainer, 69; Mr Royalton Kisch, conductor, 71; Commandant Vonla McBride, former director, WRNS, 69; Professor H.P.J. Marshall, producer, director and author, 84; Mr Natan Sharansky, soviet dissident, 42; Sir Roy Welensky, former prime minister, Federa-tion of Rhodesia and Nyasa-land, 83; Profesor N.C. Wickramasiozhe, astronomer, 51. TOMORROW: Dr Alan Borg, director-general, Imperial War Museum, 48: Sir John Burnett, former vice-chancellor, Edinburgh University, 68; Dr Rohan Butler, historian, 73; Dr David Carry, former Level Secretary to Butler, historian, 73; Dr David Carey, former Legal Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 73; Lord Cayzer, 80; the Rev J.S. Coventry, SJ, former master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 75; Mr John Denison, former director, South Bank Concert Halls, 79; Mr Placido Domingo, tenor, 49; Dr John Hayes, director, National Portrait Gallery, 61; Mr Benny Hill, comedian, 65; Major-General A.P.W. Hope, 79; Sir George Middleton, diplomat, 80; Mr Justice Phillips, 52; Dr Sir John Reid, health consultant, 65; Mr Paul Scofield, actor, 68; Mr Paul Scofield, actor. 68: Mr Aubrey Singer, former deputy director-general and managing director. BBC Television, 63; the Marquess of Tavistock, 50; Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Rear-Admiral Str Richard Trowbridge, 70; Professor Sir William Weipers, veterinarian, 86; Mr Laurence Whistler, glass engraver, 78; Mr Norman Wil-lis, general secretary, TUC, 57.

poet and critic, Long Melford, Suffolk. 1974; Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic swim-ming champion and film actor,

TOMORROW BIRTHS: John Fremont, explorer. Savannah, Georgia, 1813; Thomas Stonewall Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Clarksburg, Virginia, 1824.

DEATHS: Anthony Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Amsterdam, 1683; James Quin. actor. Bath. 1766; Louis XVI, executed, Paris, 1793; Ludwig Achim von Arnim, poet, Dahme, Germany, 1831, Henry Hallam, historian. London, 1859; Alexander Merzen, socialist and journalist. Paris, 1870: Franz Grillparzar.

and Miss H. Jacobsen

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and

Mrs Brian Kilpatrick, of St Martins, Guernsey, and Helen,

daughter of Captain and Mrs

The engagement is announced between Hugh James, eldest son

of Mr and Mrs Richard Mac-millan, of Uplands House,

Malton, North Yorkshire, and Carolyn Bell, daughter of Mr

Rudolph Tulipani, and Mrs Georgia Stapleton, of Ross,

The engagement is announced between Sanjit, son of the late Mr K.C. Mautra and of Mrs

Mira Maitra, of Bombay, India, and Eva, daughter of Mr and

Mrs T. Korytko, of Milan, Italy

The engagement is announced between Francis Xavier, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edward Murphy, of Maida Vale, London, and Kristin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Crider,

The engagement is announced

between Lewis Rolph, of London, W1, and Margaret

Lamont, of Holywood, Co

The engagement is announced between Mikael, eldest son of

Herr and Fru N.A. Sandberg, of

Helsingborg, Sweden, and Mandy, daughter of Captain and Mrs R.C. Maxwell, of

and Ill Sra D. Isabel Carlota

The engagement is announced

between Neil Andrew, son of the

late Mr A.D. Stuart and of Mrs

D.E. Stuart, of Tintagel, Corn-wall, and Isabel Carlola, daugh-ter of Mrs A.G. and Mr P.M.

Picornell, of Manila,

The engagement is announced

between John Turner, the

Foresters Regiment, son of Mr

G.A. Turner, Docking, Norfolk,

and Mrs Alan Bernrose, Tinker-

sley, Derbyshire, and Janet, only

Marriage

The marriage took place January 16, in Oxfordshire, between Mr Paul Sednaoui and Mrs Laura Pilkington, of Ramsden

House, Ramsden, Oxfordshire.

and The Hon Mrs B.M.

The marriage took place on December 23, 1989, at St

Frances of Rome Church, Ross-

on-Wye, between Geofrey Richard Smith and the Hon Mrs

Mr P.S. Sednaozi

Mr G.R. Smith

Tarnowski

and Mrs L.D. Pilkington

enter of Mr and Mrs J

Worcestershire and Sherv

Marin County, California.

and Miss E.J.M. Korviko

Mr S.K. Maitra

Mr F.X. Murphy

and Miss K. Crider

Mr L.A. Rolph and Miss M.M. Lamont

and Miss A.S. Maxwell

Droxford, Hampshire.

Mr N.A. Stnert

Mr J.R.G. Tarner

and Miss J.M. Stefanie

Picornell

John Jacobsen, of Chelsea.

Mr H.J. Macmillan

and Miss C.B. Tulipan

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss K.L. Annable

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S. Brooks, of Melbourne, Australia, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Annable, of Droitwich,

Mr J.C.F. Buxton and Miss V.J.H. Bottom

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Dr and Mrs P.K. Buxton, of Old Inzievar House, Fife, and Victoria, daughter of Mrs M. Bottom, and the late Mr S. Bottom, of Killuney, Armagh.

Mr R.E.H. Clutterbuck and Miss J.A. Whitehead The engagement is announced between Roger Edmund Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Clutterbuck, of 5 Moray Place. Edinburgh, and Julia Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Whitehead, of Sheering

Hall, Takeley. Mr S.H. Dobson

and Miss S.J. Hough The engagement is announced between Shaun Howard, younger son of Rear Admiral and Mrs David Dobson, of Petersfield. Hampsbire, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Hough, of Willow-

Dr J.D.P. Eggleton and Dr A.M. Hall

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr Derek Eggleton, of Bristol, and Mrs Veronica Pettitt, of Exeter. and Amanda, daughter of Professor Reginald Hall, CBE, and Dr Molly Hall, of Cardiff.

Mr J.M. Fitzpatrick and Miss S.J. Ingram The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Patrick Joan Fitzpatrick, of Carlow, Eire, and Sonja, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Ingram, of

Epsom, Surrey. Mr J.C. Greenwood and Miss C.R. Thistlethwayte The engagement is annou between James, son of Major and Mrs Paul Greenwood, of

Minety, near Malmesbury, and Carina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thistlethwayte, of East Donyland, near Colchester.

and Miss A.E. Longstaff The engagement is announced between David Gerard, only son of Mr and Mrs H.G. Hare, of Stockton-on-the-Forest, York, and Anne Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Longstaff, of Solihull.

Mr S.A. Holmes

and Miss M.E. Abernathy The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Holmes, of Slindon. West Sussex, and Elizabeth (Beth), daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Abernathy, of Charlotte, North Carolina

Fit Lt S.D. Hunt and Miss J. Stafford

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Hunt, of Kings Ripton, Cambridgeshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.E. Stafford, of Rainworth, Nottinehamshire.

Birthdays

TODAY: Dr Buzz Aldrin, for-mer astronaut. 60; Lord Ayle-stone, CH, 85; Mr Tom Baker, 48 hours flying time. against German shipping.

> having an appeal for him. Qualifying as a pilot, he took part in the campaign against Iraqi rebels in the late 1920s and was fortunate not to have terminated his career when his DH9A was brought down in desert terrain by ground fire. With menacing rebels all around him Kellett nevertheless had the presence of mind to hump the tail of his stricken aircraft round, to give his gunner a field of fire. Thus the pair kept the rebels at bay until his flight commander was able to put down nearby and rescue them.

In 1936 Kellett was seconded to the Imperial Japanese Army to advise on aeroengineering matters. This unusual assignment, among was flying Wellingtons with what were to be deadly foes within five years, earned him involved in some of Bomber

AIR COMMODORE RICHARD KELLETT

Breaking a long distance flying record



the Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan.

Two years later came the remarkable Egypt to Australia flight. As leader of the RAF's Long Range Development Unit Kellett piloted one of the two Wellesley bombers which made the flight from Ismailia to Darwin. This exploit won him the Air Force Cross and the Britannia Trophy of the Royal Aero Club.

When war broke out Kellett was flying Wellingtons with No 149 Squadron, and was

Command's early attempts to penetrate the German air defences, valiant, doomed sorties records of which now make such tragic reading.

The squadron flew some of the very first raids of the war on September 4, 1939. Interdicted from bombing land targets (indeed even vessels at quaysides) through a desire not to harm the civil population the RAF set itself the task of attacking shipping in the hothy defended anchorages of the Heligoland Bight. Foul

promptings of Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the War Cabinet became anxious for more aggressive action from the bombers, and Kellett, now in command of 149 squadron was involved in a three-squadron "recon-naissance in force" over Wilhelmshaven and the

Schillig Roads on December 18, 1939. The Germans were ready. East of Heligoland the Luftwaffe's fighters pounced and the bombers were harried all the way to their targets, where their miseries were compounded by the AA fire of the naval defences. From previous attacks the Germans had learned that the Wellington was helpless against a beam-on attack directed from above, as none of its gun turrets could train in that arc.

Twelve of the 22 raiders were lost on that day and the early illusions about the Wellington's invulnerability were forever shattered.

Kellett, who was awarded the DFC in 1940, was on operations until 1942, when he was shot down over Tobruk and taken prisoner. He spent the rest of the war in captivity, and was in Stalag Luft III at the time of the celebrated "Wooden Horse"

He was invalided out of the RAF in 1946. Thereafter he worked in Rhodesia for several years and then returned to the Northern Hemisphere, sailing in the Mediterranean with his second wife Kitty. weather and fierce anti-air- She died two years ago.

craft fire set the tone for the future. The loss of seven out of 29 aircraft on this first day were a grim portent of things

OBITUARIES

to those who listened to the BBC's Light Programme thirty and more years ago. They were those used by the Under the vigorous pianist Semprini to introduce his long-running radio programme, Semprini Serenade, which built up a large and devoted band of listeners. Semprini died in his sleep at his home in Brixham, Devon, yesterday at the age of 81. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease for some

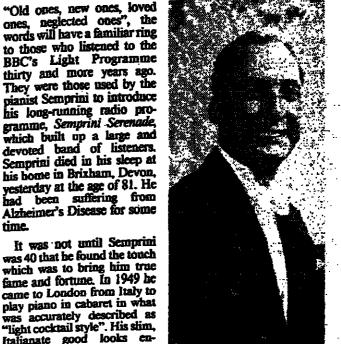
> It was not until Semprini was 40 that he found the touch which was to bring him true fame and fortune. In 1949 he came to London from Italy to play piano in cabaret in what was accurately described as "light cocktail style". His slim, Italianate good looks endeared him to a live audience and later his ability to convert many different types of music into easy listening won him his radio audience. His soft voice too helped seduce lis-teners who liked the Palm Court style, but probably had neither the money nor the inclination to visit the hotels where that sort of music was

to be found.

Semprini was born Fernando Riccardo Alberto Semprini in Bath in 1908. His father was an Italian horn player from Rimini, on the Adriatic Coast, and his mother came from Dudley in Vorcestershire. After the First World War the family moved to Milan, where father Semprini worked at La Scala. The son studied music at the Conservatoire there and soon moved to La Scala as repetiteur and rehearsal conductor. But in the late 1920s he became influenced by jazz and before long formed his own orchestra, the Symphonic Rhythm, as well touring Europe in duet with his fellow pianist Bormioli.

Semprini was at heart a straight forward entertainer, not an aspirant opera conductor. He was trained as a concert pianist and he was in love with jazz of a certain kind. This, he once said, was the secret of his success, mixing popular song with classical music so that Chopin rubbed shoulders with the numbers of the day. After the fall of Rome he gave a number of concerts with ENSA and this might have been where he learned to judge the British taste. One memorable evening was given with Gracié Fields when both singer and January 17, not January 9 as accompanist arrived without stated in our obituary (Janumusic; both were sufficiently ary 18), is survived by a professional musicians to per-

form without demur.



SEMPRINI

Family favourites from the piano

On radio part of Semprini's success came from the fact that he worked to a formula. There was usually a popular section taken from the hits of the day, followed by a piece of "exotica"; he drew from the movies and from stage musicals and always included a: light classical piece. He claimed, with some justification, that he was broadening musical horizons, but Semprini, ever the pro-fessional, knew that this mixture worked very well indeed for the Light Programme

He made no pretence to perform for the intellectuals and said unashamedly that his playing was designed to appeal to the heart and not the head: "It should touch the emotions". But he did not resort to the candelabra, fancy waistcoats and fan-club building activities of other popular

For some years this lack of nretension was exemplified by . holidays in a houseboat near Colchester with little but a dummy keyboard "to keep the muscles supple". Semprini is survived by his second wife Consuelo and their two sons. plus three sons from a previous marriage.

Correction

JÁN ČIKKER

Prolific Slovakian composer inspired by folk music

Ján Čikker, the Slovakian composer, has died in Bratislava at the age of 78. Together with his compatriot Eugen Suchon Cikker contributed to the international acceptance of Slovakian music in its own right, much as Leos Janáček had done for Czech music earlier this century.

Cikker was a most prolific composer of symphonic and chamber music and wrote his first major work, the Symphony in C, at the age of 19. But, after writing Lieder and choral works, he found his true metier after his midthirties in composing for the music theatre.

He wrote the music for the ballet Selanka in 1944. The first of his several operas, Juro Jánosik, taken from a national

based on Capek's The Insect Play, was written in 1987. In notable for productions of post be held for 25 years.

Hamlet and The Taming of His musical writing the Shrew at the National

scholarship to study with Felix writing. Weingartner in Vienna in 1936/37, he returned to Brati-

slava to teach music theory. He took an active part in the Slovakian uprising against the conducted at its world pre-Fiedler, who survives him.

folk legend, was staged by the Nazis in 1944. After the war miere in Prague in 1962. Like Slovakian National Theatre, he became Dramaturg at the other of Cikker's operas it in Bratislava in 1954; his last, National Theatre for three found favour in Germany, the years. He was appointed country where he had his Professor of Composition at greatest successes outside his between he wrote film music the School of Musical Arts, as and incidental stage music, it was re-named, in 1951, a Vzkriesenie, based on Tol-

inspired by Slovakian folk countries and came to the song and dance and is noted He was born in Banká for the use of contrasting Bystrica on July 29, 1911, and diatonic and chromatic idistudied music theory in oms. At the same time, he was Prague with Jaroslav Křička attracted to modernist experiand, more especially, with ments, including serialism. Suchon's teacher, Vitezslav There are echoes of Berg and his most impressive more Novak. After winning a Bartók in much of his later recent works.

> This is particularly noticeable in his best-known opera Vzkriesenie (Resurrection), which Jaroslav Krombholc

native Czechoslovakia. stoy's novel, was heard in a His musical writing was number of other European 1964 Edinburgh Festival with Krombholc as the conductor. He wrote his Symphony

1945 as a tribute to Shostakovich in 1974. The oratorio Ode to Joy (1984) was one of Cikker received many

awards and honours in addition to those hestowed in his OWE COURTRY.

In 1950 he married Kitty

Ruskin Spear, who died on daughter, Rachel, as well as by his wife and son.

Clifford Longley

Mrs Thatcher's helping hand

theology have not always been too successful, judging by the sometimes irritated responses of churchmen. It must be very frustrating to have the background and temperament of a 19th century evangelical Methodist, and yet to find any rapport with the modern representatives of that tradition so elusive. She and the Methodist Conference are at loggerheads, while the mainstream of Anglican Evangelicals have gone over to the left.

It was shrewd of her, therefore, to open a lecture she gave this week with a theological and political bridge. Speaking on Wednesday night to the National Children's Home George Thomas Society, a newly formed Methodist foundation, she quoted with approval some actual words of George Thomas (now Lord Tonypandy). He was not yet Speaker of the House but a Welsh Labour MP, and his book "The Christian Heritage in Politics" was in the great old tradition of Christian and Methodist socialism

In it he had propounded four basic principles, which she adopted for herself: That people have priority over everything else in God's sight; that every man has a value beyond price because he is a child of God; that because of man's exalted value, the mark of a good life is that it is a life of service to people; that the only ethic on which service should be undertaken and the only ethic worthy of the dignity of man is that of love." Such love, she added, "was never merely sentimental, but embraces our duty to consider the needs and wants of other people".

It was in this lecture, all about the welfare of the nation's children, that she announced that the Government was wanting to tighten the rules to prevent absent fathers avoiding their duty to pay maintenance, which was widely reported and commented upon. Sources close to her indicated before and after, however, that this announcement was not the only significance of the event. Mrs Thatcher was talking about matters on which she cared deeply, and it was even suggested that those who want to know which way the Government is likely to be heading in the future could usefully search the

Memorial service Vice-Admiral Sir Michael A service of thanksgiving for the Mark Sanders officiated and

feels are past misunderstandings or misrepresentations: her support for "Victorian values", and her famous remark that "there is no such thing as society". On the first account, she has been mocked as wanting to restore the Poor Law and the workhouse, taking the poor, particularly poor children, back to the twilight described by Charles Dickens. On the contrary, quoting Oliver Twist, she said it was "a world in which many children were neglected and even rejected, and thrust into a life of crime, violence, exploitation and poverty".

Hence also her praise on Wednesday for a long string of Victorian social reformers: Stephenson, the Methodist founder of the National Children's Home, the evangelical Lord Shaftesbury campaigning to reform the appalling conditions in which children were made to work"; the Anglican churchman Ruolf who founded the Church of England Children Society; Waugh who began the NSPCC, Barnardo whose homes bear his name, Raikes who invented Sunday schools, and so on.

They showed "what one person can do"; they showed the power of voluntary societies to pioneer new ventures; and not least "the early reformers were almost all Christians, who saw such duties as an expression of their faith". It was no accident that all these reforms followed the revival of religion "associated with the name of John Wesley". They were people "with a commitment to building genuine relationships with others, and not simply to introducing

programmes". On the second point, tending to contradict what she was thought to mean when she dismissed the notion of "society", she introduced the idea of "environment", like the physical environment for whose care there was now so much concern, but even more important - a moral and spiritual environment "created by the values, standards and rules on which we base our life". To safeguard that was an even greater challenge. And within the values belonging to that environment was the duty "to meet our responsibilities to care for those in our trust, and especially those in need".

Remarking that nearly a third of the In the text there may be detected two income of the National Children's Home

life of Vice-Admiral Sir Michael

Villiers was held yesterday at St

Andrew's Church, Melton,

Woodbridge, Suffolk. The Rev

gave an address. Mr Richard Warner, son-in-law, read the lesson and Vice-Admiral Sir

John Webster, son-in-law, read

from the works of Canon Henry

she observed: "Truly this country has become an active and generous society". So there is such a thing. Her whole lecture emphasized the principle of collaboration between the Government and voluntary agencies - especially, in this context, in halting and reversing the trends which have weakened family life and harmed so many children". She was confident it could be done. All this ought to appeal to the

churches, which still have an enormous

involvement in the voluntary sector

particularly with children, and have an unequal struggle on their hands trying to defend Christian moral values. Their confidence has been much eroded by the existence of the Welfare State and by the philosophy which regards "charity" as demeaning, to such an extent that they even feel a little guilty about doing it. If the Government and the Welfare State took care of everything, however. and the churches wound up their charitable efforts as no longer needed. they would be in serious trouble. They would have consented to the divorce of charity from faith, by subcontracting the discharge of the second great commandment - Love thy neighbour - wholly to the state. Although they could then concentrate their whole attention on the first - loving God - that would no longer be Christianity.

There is the germ of an idea in Mrs Thatcher's lecture which she never quite spelt out, and perhaps did not even intend. If the churches prefer not to think of it as Thatcherism, it could just as well be named after a former Speaker and socialist Methodist - "the Children's Viscount".

It is that the defence and promotion of Christian moral values may itself only be possible if the churches remain heavily engaged in their voluntary charitable activities, and indeed expand them heartily, while being open and proud (rather than defensive and diffident) about their Christian motivations and convictions. For such activities may still speak eloquently and convincingly - to a society that has lost interest in sermons - of the meaning and power of the central values of Christianity. If Mrs Thatcher is offering them a helping hand in that, it is a very interesting offer

Scott Holland. The Admiralty

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miral Sir Benjamin Bathurst,

Commander-in-Chief Fleet.

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Brewing up a simple recipe for success

SCIENCE REPORT

The simplest recipes can have solvent removes the tartaric in the latest issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (vol 87, pp 274-

Alexander M Klibanov from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his colleagues outline a method for turning ordinary proteins into powerful molecular sensors. These could be used, in principle, by industrial chemists to produce chemicals of very high purity, or by researchers fathoming the principles by which enzymes work in nature.

The recipe goes as follows: dissolve bovine serum albumin (a common, cheap protein found in many laboratories) in a strong solution of tartaric acid in water. (Many other substances besides tartaric acid would serve equally well). Allow the mixture to brew for a while before freezedrying it (as with instant coffee) and washing the resulting white, powdery solid with an anhydrous (that is, waterfree) organic solvent.

The residue is a form of the original protein that, when dissolved in an anhydrous solvent, binds very strongly and specifically to tartaric acid, and no other molecule. It could be used, for example, to purify tartaric acid molecules from a chemical mixture.

Many chemists find Klibanov's results too good to be true, but the theory behind them is even more controversial. Protein and tartaric acid molecules, once introduced in water, tend to stick together. Protein molecules in water are floppy and flexible, and mould themselves around the distinctive shape of the tartaric acid molecules.

The protein molecules form

the most impressive results: acid molecules, leaving proone such formulation appears tein molecules behind, each one with a tartaric-acidshaped hole. Klibanov calls this process

"imprinting", but the imprinted protein molecules keep their shape only if dissolved in anhydrous solvents, such as pure ethyl acetate (the pungent chemical that gives nail varnish remover its distinctive, fruity smell). This is because protein molecules are remarkably stiff in organic solvents. But the merest contact with water makes the imprinted proteins go floppy again, losing the tartaric acid Morint

Klibanov's work elicits views ranging from mild scepticism to outright hostility, possibly because he tackles problems that most researchers would not even think of, let alone attempt. He is "an imaginative guy, and very clever", Professor Alan Fersht of the University of Cambridge says.

Few researchers are in any position to refute claims that some regard as bizarre, if not exaggerated. One of Klibanov's unusual ideas was to find out whether enzymes natural protein catalysts that work by recognizing the shapes of small molecules kept their shapes in anhydrous solvents. Given that enzymes evolved to work in water, their behaviour in other media was not thought important. But Klibanov's finding that enzymes keep their shapes in a variety of media is the key to the current research.

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the overhead wires proved again the importance of having the telephone lines protected. Extensions of the main trunk and the local cable systems are in hand throughout many districts. Seven main underground cables are under construction in the Manchester area and further

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Mr Charles Reginald Bayley, of Rowley Avenue, Stafford, left estate valued at £1,091,722 net. He left £500 to St Mary and All Saints Church, Whitmore and the remaindr of his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Keith Ernest Eric Read, of Steeple Lane, St Ives, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,948,048 net. He left his estate to

Mariorie Kathleen Page, of Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire, left estate valued at £195,045 net. She left personal legacies totalling £12,500, and the resi-due equally between the RSPCA and Cancer Research Campaign.

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Sir Michael Francis Atiyah is to be Master of the college in succession to Sir Andrew Field-ing Huxley OM who retires on June 30.

Appointments

Mindous to Seamen, succeeding the Rev Camon William J D Down, who is to be Bishop of Bermuda. The Rev Robert J Bettvier, Vicar, St James, Golf's Cak, diocese St Albans: to be Vicar, St Michael. Tokyngion, diocese Lomdon. Edward S Mocrow, Claston Camono, Glovard S Mocrow, Camono Camono, Glovard S Mocrow, Capton Common, diocese London. The Rev Nicholas J Molony, Priest-Incharge, Weston Turville, diocese Oxford: to be Priest-In-charge, Great Mariow, same diocese. Data Google Condon. The Rev Davis F Perters, Ardingst States, Sath, decare Bath and Wells. Like's, Bath, diocese Chichese Conference Confere Dr David Colyn Gardner, Mr David Malpas, and Mr W Elfred Roberts are to join the board of the Welsh Devand Yapham-cum-Medioniby, same dioctas and Yapham-cum-Medioniby, same dioctas and Yapham-cum-Medioniby, same dioctas and yapham-cum-Medioniby, same dioctas and di
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Anglo-French

triumph Professor William Smith, of Fatmouth, Cornwall, who formerly held a chair in history at London University, has won the Grand Prix Napoleon, together with a gold medal and about £10,000, for his book on the Empress Fuscine wife of Na-Empress Eugénie, wife of Na-

poleon III.
It is the first time in 70 years that a non-Frenchman has won the award, presented by the Napoleon Foundation in Paris. The exiled empress, a friend of Queen Victoria's, lived at Farnborough where she founded a monastery.

Tomorrow's services

The Rev Peter Justice, October Inocessan Chaptain to the Dest: hus
retired.
The Rev Canon Geoffrey A Withams.
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St. Bartholomew. diocese Bath and
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& S. Te deum. From the rising of the sun (Gore Ouseley). Marche des Rois mages (Dubols). Rev F Boyze.

TOWER OF LONDON. ECS. 9.18 HC. 11 M. Surge Illuminare (Palestrina). TEMPLE GHERCH. Feet Street. ECS. 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Responses (Rose). Collegium Regale (Howells). Boyce in A. Surge illuminare (Palestrina). Canno D Busgess. ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC. 11 Euch. Wood in Phrygian mode. O Lord increase my Faith (Gobbons). Rev W J D Str. CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampton Confederation of the Palace 8.50 HC. 11 M. Smart in F. All people that on earth de dwel Talled. The Chapter of the Palace 8.50 HC. 11 M. Smart in F. All people that on earth de dwel Chapter of the Chapter o (Balrstow).

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5 Euch. Canon S Van Cuits.

ALL SAINTS. Marqueret Street. W1: 8.

5.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria). Who can express the noble acts of the Lord (Wesley). Rev S J Hobbs: 6 E & B. Stanford in C. Long long spothowells. The Vicar.

ALL SOUTS. LANGHAM Place, W1: 11 HC. Rev I Bentley: 6.30 Rev Preb R Bewes. 11 HC. Rev I Bentley: 6.30 Rev Pres
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Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 HC. Rev Dr
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8 30, 12.10 MC: 10.30 S EUCH. NEW X L Yales.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Struct. ECA. 11 M & Euch. Second Service (Cabbona.)

Noble in A minor. Almighty and Evertasting Cod (Gibbona.) Canon J Oales: 6.30 E, Responses (Sumston). Second Service (Byrd). How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer). Canon J Oales. CT-THERT'S, Philipsach Gardens SIVS, 10 MC: 11 S EUCh. Rowley in A minor. The Lord is my shepherd (Worker). Rev. J Vine: 6.30 Healing Sevices in Rev. J Vine: 6.30 Healing Sevices and Silosmobury. WCI: 10 MILOC. THE CAUSE OF COMMING (Wesley). Rev. B. Wiles. 6.30 Heating Service. Rev. Bill 1998. 6.30 Ep. Service. Rev. Bill 1998. 6.30 Ep. Service. Rev. B. Bloomsburry. WC1: 10 Europe Fr. M. Davy. 6.30 Ep. Service. Rev. B. 30 HC1 11 S Euro. Colleguim Regule (Howells). O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Coss). The Res. Colleguim (Coss). The Res. C. Clies. ST. CH. ES-IN: THE FELUS. SE. Clies. ST. CH. ES-IN: THE FELUS. SE. Clies. Myl. S. 30 Ep. Rev. G. C. Taylor. Service. Se

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ST MARCARET'S. Westminster. SWI: 11 M. Here in Christ we gather (Minray). Responses (Byrti). To Busin (Leighton). Almighty and evertasting God (Gibbons). Rev R Hollowsy. 12-15 HC.
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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Anatomy marriage

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A first television drama by the Jamaican-born playwright Nigel Moffatt, When Love Dies (Channel 4, 9.00pm) opens with a wedding but immediately moves forward 12 years to the husband reflecting bitterly on the failure of the relationship and the death of the wife. It is a format that allows the author to escape the straightjacket of chronology and to select the most telling incidents without having to fit them into sequential framework. Whether he selects enough to make the piece plausible must be for the spectactor to judge. Beyond fairly obvious arguments about money and children, it may be felt that the collapse of the marriage is never satisfactorily explained. But the process



Loveless: Annabel (Josette Simon) and spouse Richard (Brian Bovell) (C4, 9pm)

of disintegration, as recalled by Richard (Brian Bovell) from the bleak emptiness of the room in his parents' house to which he has retreated, is clear enough, Haunted by images of his dead spouse (Josette Simon), he imagines her back with him only to find himself once more abandoned and alone. The ripples extend from Richard to his mother and step-father and underpin Moffatt's theme that while love may die, life must somehow go on. As may be imagined from the theme this is a mainly sombre piece though not without a vein of dry humour, much of which is provided by Norman Beaton as a visiting pastor. A final reflection on When Love Dies is that not so long ago it would have been remarkable to have had on television a drama with a black cast, black writer and black director (Horace Ove), let alone one in which race was not the issue.

True to its cosmopolitan title, Rhythms of the World (BBC2, 8.00pm) features Dédé Saint Prix. Born in Martinique and based since 1986 in Paris, he is an exponent of Zouk, the dance music of the French Antilles with its mixture of Spanish, African and Haitian influences. His jaunty, foottapping songs, and his skills as singer, flautist and drummer, are displayed in excerpts from his first London concert interspersed with an interview. A genial, bespectacled figure who performs in knee-length white shorts. Saint Prix may have come from small street in a tiny Caribbean island but he has managed to gain an international appeal without compromising his cultural roots. Despite its Third World origins, his music is good-humoured and bears no grudges.

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7.36 Seturday Starts Here! with Wayne
Jackman and lan Tregonning
beginning with Playdays (r) 7.55
Laurel and Hardy in Sitting Roomers
(r) 8.00 Mersey Tales. Mark
McGann with the story of Mr
Regonarces in Return, by P.O. Prendergast's Return, by Roy Apps 8.05 The New Adventur Mighty Mouse 8.20 Chuckle Vision. The Chuckle Brothers decide to take the media

industry by storm 8.35 Thundercats
in The Fireballs of Plun-Darr (r)

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and
Phillip Schofield are joined by Friends of the Earth director, Jonathon Porritt, singer Tanita Tikaram and top author Dick King-Smith 12.12

(BBC 1 ()

Weather 12.15 Grandstand introduced by Grandstand introduced by
Desmond Lynam. The line-up is
(subject to alteration): 12.20
\$kiing from Kitzbühet: men's
downhill championship; 12.40,
1.10 and 1.45 Racing from
Haydock Park; 1.00 News; 1.25
Commonwealth Games: highlights of
previous championships; 2.00
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Rugby Union: live coverage of the
game at Twickenham between
England and Ireland; 3.50 Footbell
half-times; 4.00 Rugby Union:
highlights of the Wales v France
game in Cardiff; 4.40 Final Score
5.05 News with Laurie Mayer. Weather
5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 The Eving Doctors Mytha and

5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 The Flying Doctors: Myths and
Legends. Coopers Cross becomes a
centre of media attention when an
old man comes out of the bush
claiming he is a character from
local legend. Despite townsfolks'
scepticism, Violet and Hurtle
believe the man is telling the truth.
With Liz Burch and Robert Grubb.
(Caefax)

(Ceefax)

6.05 Jim'll Fix it. Jimmy Savile makes more dreams come true for young people, including a seven-year-old Manchester United supporter who gets the chance to read the football results on BBC1's Grandstand; a young man from Inverness to have a dancing duel w Grandstand; a young man from Inverness to have a dancing duel with the world champion Highland flinger; a 16-year-old to dine at the now closed restaurant at the top of the British Telecom Tower in London; and a nine-year-old girl to spend a day with blind television and radio announcer Peter White. (Ceefax) 6.40 Bob's Full House. Bob

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Monkhouse invites four more
contestants to test their wits On
the quiz bingo board for the chance
to win a luxury holiday. (Ceefax)
7.15 The Paul Daniels Magic Show.
Paul is joined by Los Huincas from
South America, who give a
display of their gaucho skills, and
magician Kevin James from
California. With Debbie McGee.
(Ceefax)

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8.00 Waterfront Beat. Detective waternont seal. Detective
Sergeant McCarthy uses some
unorthodox tactics to bring in
some sheep rustiers, while a new
member of the beat gets the
better of a jet ski-rider terrorizing
dockland tourists. With Owen
Toole Helena Little and Brian

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Teale, Helena Little and Brian
McCardie. (Ceefax)
8.50 News and Sport. With Michael
Buerk. Weather
9.10 Midnight Caller. Watching Me,
Watching You. Late-night chat show
host Jack Killian comes to the aid
of Devon King, the radio station's
covery when she becomes the owner, when she becomes the 24-hour obsession of a wealthy electronics manufacturer who moves into an apartment directly opposite hers. With Gary Cole, Wendy Kilbourne and Timothy Daly.

10.00 Dave Allen. Dave Allen takes a humorous look at people's everyday habits and mannerisms 10.30 Film: The Mackintosh Man

(1973), starring Paul Newman, James Mason, Dominique Sanda and Ian Bannen, Espionage thriller about a British intelligence agent who, under the false identity of a first-class thief, sets himself up to be hired for a risky diamond robbery operation, in order to expose the powerful man at the head of the

powerful man at the need of the gang. Directed by John Huston

12.05am The All-Star Swing Festival.

Famous figures of the big band and swing era, including Count Basie, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton and Fat Hines, come Hampton and Earl Hines, come together in this star-studded gala session at New York's Lincoln Cente

6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by It's Stardust. Alvin Stardust presents songs, stories and poems about horses (r) 7.00 WAC 90. Children's entertainment presented by Tommy Boyd and Michaela Strachan 9.20 News

vith Susie Grant with Susie Gram

9.25 Motormouth 2, introduced by Neil
Buchanan, Tony Gregory and Gaby
Roslin, begins with The Real
Ghostbusters cartoon adventure. Later, pop group New Kids on the Block perform and there is a video of Tanita Tikaram's latest single 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video slot is filled by Scritti Politil 12.30 The Munsters Today: Farewell Grandpa. The Immigration Department has plans to deport Grandpa to Transylvania - but they'll need to find him first. 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LWT News and

1.10 Saint & Greavaie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves review the week's tootball news and look back at highlights of the Littlewoods Cup fifth

highlights of the Littlewoods Cup fifth round games.

1.40 Sportsmasters. Three new contestants demonstrate their sporting knowledge in the quiz hosted by Dickie Davies.

2.10 Coronation Street (r)

3.05 Matlock: The Doctors. In this first episode of a new drama series focusing on the work of lawyer Matlock, he defends a doctor who is the prime suspect when an unpopular colleague is murdered. Starring Andy Griffith.

4.15 Katts and Dog: Boy Meets Dog. Hank Katts, a graduate of the police academy, is assigned to the K-9 Corps and teamed up with an Alsatian named Rinty. The pair's first case is to find Katts' stolen car. Starring Jesse Collins

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4.45 Results Service presented by

Eiton Welsby
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter.
Weather 5.10 LWT News and

5.15 Baywatch: Heat Wave. When record temperatures hit Los Angeles, Malibu beach is even more crowded than usual. The lifeguards crowded than usual. The lifeguards should be grateful for any extra help they can can get, but the arrival of a former colleague only leads to trouble. Starring David Hasselhoff Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid once again, hoping to match this week's contestants with the man or woman of their dreams.

(Oracle)
7.00 Film: Octopussy (1983), starring Roger Moore, Maud Adams and Louis Jordan. Bond is asked to Louis Jordan. Bond is asked to investigate the death of fellow agent 009 in East Berlin, a mission which leads to an adventure involving a jewelled Fabergé egg, a circus, a female army and, of course, a host of useful gadgets which get him out of sticky situations. Directed by John Glen. (Oracle)

9.25 Yellowitread Street: The Lost

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Man. Action and adventure with a team of detectives fighting crime on the streets of Hong Kong. The precinct's officers are kept busy trying to identify a man with a loss of memory, who comes to them memory, who comes to them clutching a knife covered in blood. As the investigation unfolds, they are horrified by what they discover. With Ray Lonnen, Mark McGann, Dave King and Tzi Ma.

10.25 News, sport and weather 10.40 LWT Weather.

10.45 Abracadigance. Richard Digance presents an unusual preview of the events he expects will occur during the 1990s. His guests include juggler Steve Rawlings and escapologist Shahid Malik.

11.45 Dadah is Death. Episode one of a two-part drama based on fact.

two-part drama based on fact. Barbara Barlow's life changes friend are caught in possession of heroin while in Malaysia. The penalty for the offence is death, a

sentence which Barbara is determined to fight. Part two can be seen next Saturday. Starring Julie Christie, Hugo Weaving and John Polson. Followed by News headlines .30am Soap. The continuing comic saga of the Campbell and the Tate

families (r)
2.00 American College Football
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan continue their tour of Britain's

5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

BBC/2

9.00 Open University 10.55 Film: The Charge of the Light Brigade (1936, b/w) starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. Drama about the events leading to the catastrophic Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimea. Directed

by Michael Curtiz 12.45 in the Post. The history of air mails (r) 1.10 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way (r)
1.35 Backroads. Tale of a young run-

away girl who encounters an eccentric hobo who helps her to come to terms with her life. Starring Kimi Morris and David Thormton 2.00 Shrikant. Episode three of the Indian drama and Shrikant encounters the girl who is to change his life (in Hindi with English

subtitles) (r)

2.40 Film: The Treesure of Monte
Cristo (1960), starring Rory Calhoun
and John Gregson. Adventure
about four fortune hunters who each hold a quarter of a map which holds the key to buried treasure on the island of Monte Cristo.
Directed by Monty Berman

4.10 Sea Gypsy. Story of a young woman who dreams about a magical

undersea world. Starring Emma undersea wond. Starring Emma
Crewsden (r)

4.30 Film: They Died with Their Boots
On (1941, b/w), starring Errol Flynn,
Olivia de Havilland and Anthony
Ouinn. Action-packed story about the
life and times of General Custer.
Directed by Raoul Walsh

6.50 The Jeef Reprint Show (b) Misth

Directed by Raoul Walsh
6.50 The Jack Bermy Show (b/w). With
Mel Blanc and Isaac Stem
7.15 NewsView with Laurie Mayer and
Jill Dando. Weather
8.00 Rhythms of the World: Dédé
Saint-Prix (see Choice)
8.50 Saturday Night Clive. Clive
James's guests are writer and
broadcaster Clive Anderson and
Zsa Zsa Gabor who discusses
American justice

American justice

9.35 Making Out. Episode three of the eight-part serial about an electronics factory (r). (Ceefax)

10.25 The Film Club. Producer Lynda.

Myles introduces Oliver Stone's political thriller Salvador (1986), starring James Woods and James Belushi. The true story of photojournalist Richard Boyle, a veteran of the wars in Vietnam, Cambodia, Central America and the Middle East who, in 1980, went with a friend to FI Salvador and found himself a witness to the ugly realities of US involvement in a country torn apart by ruthless cleath squads and rightwing militia groups. Ends at 12.30am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Durrell in Russia. Lee and Gerald
Durrell visit the Astrakhan Reserve (f):
6.30 Just 4 Fun
7.00 Once Upon a Time_Life.
Animated exploration of the human
body 7.30 International Times —
World News 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel Four Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and

1940s
9.30 Listening Eye. Series for and about deaf people (r)
10.00 To the End of the Rhine. Bernard Levin continues his travels along the

Rhine and reaches Strasbourg via Colmar and Alsace (r)

10.30 Film: Two Weeks with Love (1950), starring Jane Powell, Debbie Reynolds and Ricardo Montaban.

Musical, set at the turn of the content of the start of

century, about two sisters on holiday with their parents. Directed by Roy Rowland 12.16 Film: Uncivil Warriors (1935, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as soldiers in the American Civil War. Directed by Del Lord 12.40 Dence with Me. Brazilian drama serial Channel Four Racing From Kempton Park. The 1.10, 1.40, 2.10

Kempton Park. The 1.10, 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40 races
3.00 Film: Because You're Mine (1952), starring Mario Larza as an opera singer draffed into the US Army. Directed by Alexander Hall 4.55 Carboon, Ave Maria 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle) 6.00 Right To Reply examines the BBC's programme on sexual harassment, Taking Liberties 6.30 Scottlish Eye investigates safety procedures in the oil inclustry 7.00 The World This Week 7.15 Europe Express includes a report on the importance of the Mafia in Italian politics and a visit to

to the importance of the Maria in Italian politics and a visit to Europe's largest pornography factory. Followed by Weather.

8.00 Irony Curtain. The second of two programmes examining the relationship between art and politics in the Soviet Union and the Inited States.

United States

9.00 4 Play: Witen Lave Dies (Oracle)
(see Choice)

10.20 Soviet Citizens. The future of the
Soviet Union is debated by citizens of

Soviet Union is debated by citizens of Volgograd

11.20 From Russia with Rock.
Highlights of the seven-day rock festival held in Moscow

1.15am The Highest Court. Awardwinning Latvian film observing a murderer from the start of the police investigation, through the trial, to his being semianced to death (r). Ends at 2.30

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BBC1 WALES: 2.30pm Rugby Union: Wales v
France Ive 4.00 Highlights of England v
Ireland 5.15-8.05 Wales on Saturday 12.35am1.00 News and weather SCOTI.ABD: 4.46-8.05
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(Aum Tamaroff, Donald Sinden) 5.30 Deco 6.91 News
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12.35em News, Closedown.

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1.00pm The Invisible Man 2.00 AllAmerican Wrestling 3.00 Man From
Atlantis 4.00 Chopper Squed 5.00 Dolly
6.00 Film: September Gun 8.00 Film: A
Long Way Home 10.00 WWF Superstars of
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Tonight 11.30 Cyndi Lauper in Paris

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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Satellite Shop
2.00pm Project X (1987): Matthew
Broderick is assigned to train chimpanzees
on flight simulators
4.00 Start the Revolution without Me
(1970): The comic antics of two sets of twins
during the French Revolution
6.00 Pais (1987): George C. Scott end
Don Ameche are retired soldiers on the run
from the Maria after discovering a cache
of Mob funds
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Satisfaction (1988): An all-girl rock
band competes in a contest which may
provide them with their break into the big
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9.40 UK Top 10

10.00 Wall Street (1987): Financial wizard Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) shows a young dealer (Charlie Sheen) how to make a fortune

12.15am Breathless (1983): A car thef goes on the run with a beautiful French student after accidentally killing a policeman. With Richard Gere

2.00 Drowning by Numbers (1988): Peter Greenaway's intricate tale of three women who share the same name and whose husbands all drown mysteriously 4.00 Easy Money (1983): Rodney Dangerfield as Monty Capuletti who must give up gambling and drinking in order to inherit \$10 million. Ends at 3.35am

EUROSPORT

6.00cm Berrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 European Toboggan Championships 9.30 Tennis Legends: Owen Davidson v Dennis Taylor 10.00 Ford Ski Report 11.00 World Cup 10.00 Ford Std Report 11.00 Word Cup Sking 1.30pen Australian Open Termis 2.30 Rugby Union: Wales v France 4.09 Australian Open Termis 6.00 World Cup Sking 7.00 Trans World Sport 6.00 Football 10.00 Australian Open Termis 11.00 Rugby Union: England v Ireland 12.00 World Cup Sking

6.00mm Club MTV 6.30 Non-Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US Top 20 11.00 Yol 11.30 Marcel and Ray 5.00mm The Big Picture 5.30 Bryan Adams 6.00 Kristiane Backer 9.00 Party Zone 11.00 MTV Erotica 12.00 Marken Wexo 2.00mm Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.30am NFL American Football 3.30 Rugby League 5.00 Ice Skating 6.30 1990 Polo 7.00 Ice Hockey 9.00 Review of 89: European Rallycross Championships 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 Ica Hockey 2.00pm Spanish Socce 3.45
International Women's Show/umping
4.30 Rugby League 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour
6.30 Powersports 7.30 Lee Hockey
9.30 College Baskerball 11.00 US
Professional Boxing

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Space Patrol 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 Make Room For Daddy 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 GLOW 4.00 The Edge of Night

When she tries to stop local hunters she finds herself taken to a mental asylum where she begins to lose

where she begins to lose her courage (3)
3.45 Tales of a Man called Father: Writign and read by Ronnie Knox-Mawer. Part 2
4.00 Classes Apart? Series comparing the lives and fortunes of three families. Part 3: The Right Start in Life. Parents discuss the education of their children
4.30 Science Now

5.00 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan talks to Humphrey

talks to Humphrey
Carpenter (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical
review of the week's news.
With Bill Wallis, David Tate
and Sally Grace (r) 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.50
5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week: With Robert
Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre:
Bertie and the Trimman.
Dramatization of Peter
Lovesey's novel, with
Timothy West as Albert
Edward, Prince of Wales,
Colin Startey as Buckfast,
and John Moffat as Knollys
(s)

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9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay

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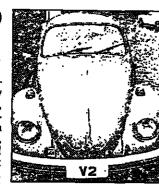
 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

To the Beetle, with love

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• Most of the addicts' effusions about their roly-poly VWs in Beetlemania (Radio 4. 10.15pm) border on the metaphysical. They add human dimensions to the metal work, glass and rubber which is all the outsider sees. "You've got to talk to it all the time. otherwise it would just go phut-phut and stop," says one owner. "If I could have taken it to bed, I would have," says another. "It's got a mind of its own," says a third. "The heating never turns off, and when you switch the engine on in the morning, the car twitches and rocks from side to side." There is a wag or two among tonight's enthusiastic contributors to this delightfully cranky Saturday Feature. One Beetle lover recalls how his fellow fans used to wave to each other because they felt they were cocks of the walk, whereas drivers of Reliant Robins would wave to each other out of mutual sympathy. Settle to Carlisle line.



The Volkswagon Beetle has a mind of its own (R4, 10.15pm)

Less sentimental members of the Beetle-owning fraternity can test their knowledge tonight. A Beetle club quiz question asks: "How many bolts hold the clutch cover to the fly-wheel?".

 I would also recommend Smith's Elegy (Radio 4, 10.45pm). Phil Smith trudges around a North Yorkshire graveyard and through dank tunnels to compile a belated tribute to some 200 railway heroes who died building the

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16 HAQMA (a) A sacred drink prepared from the haoma vine, used trian ritual; when capitalized a deity in person, the personification of the haoma, from the Persian hom the sacred plant of the DOUBLEHEADER

(b) American jargon for two contests, especially baseball

games, played at one meet-

ing; also an American train pulled by two locomotives; also, in salestalk, a customer who buys more than one of the same item at a TATE

(a) Scottish and Northern dialect for a portion, pinch, or tuft of wool, as in "a tate of salt", from Icelandic taeta to tear to shreds: "O' winter snaw there's but a tate

LENTISE (c) The mastic tree, Pistacia lentiscus, from the Latin lentiscus: "Who courteous had us on soft beds recline/Of lentisk, and soft branches of the vine."

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30pm 5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 My Top 10: Deborah Harry talks to Andy Peebles about her career and favourite records 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Andy Peebles 9.00 in Concert: The Hunter Ronson Band recorded at London's Dominion Theatre 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00cm The Saturday Rock Show

FM Stereo
News on the hour except
8.00pm (2.00pm, 3.00, 4.00,
5.00pm FM only)
4.00em Dave Bussey 6.00
Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs
9.00 Sounds of the Sixties
10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00
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Gerald Harper 1.30pan Pull
The Other One! 2.00 Robin Ray on
Record 3.00 Katle Boyle 5.00
Swing into Spring 6.00 Cinema 2
6.30 Roy's Recipes 7.00 Seat
the Record 7.30 Saturday Night
Gala 9.00 Those Beautiful
Ballad Years 9.30 String Sound
10.05 Martin Keiner 12.05am
Night Owls 1.00 Nighthide 3.004.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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6.35am Open University
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Centurione and Francesco
Strano, cellos); J.C. Bach
(Concerto in G, Op 7 No 6:
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Ingrid Haebler, forteplano)
7.30 News

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7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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Prometheus: Berlin
Philharmonic Orchestra
under Rudolf Kempe); SaintSaëns (Piano Concerto No 5 in F, Op 103 "Egyptian":
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Dutolt, with Pascal Roge,
piano); Borls Blacher
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8.30 News 8.35 Pascal Devoyor: The planist certorms Beethoven (Plano performs Beethove Sonata in C minor Pathétique'n: Schumann

Camaval, Op 9) (r) Saturday Review: Introduced by Richard Osborne. Record Revie This week's edition is devoted entirely to new releases. Bach releases from Gardiner, Herreweghe and Rifkin are reviewed by Geroge Pratt, Jonathan Swain on 20th-century orchestral music; John Steane on Giulini's Verdi Requiem and the "Messa per Rosshi" 10.40 Record Overture and March: Philharmonia under Neeme Jarvi); Hindernith (Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes Hamburg Symphony Orchestra under Karl Anton Rickenbacher); Bach (Cantata No 8. Liebster Gott, wenn werd ich sterben: Soloists, Bach Ensemble under Joshua Rifikin); Teodulo Mabelli (Lux aeterna); Verdi (Libera me "Messa per Rossini": Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra under Heimuth

Philhing: Soloists, Prague Philhermonic Choir and Gachinger Kantorei, Stuttgart); Sibelius (Sulte, Swarwhite: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

under Yondani Butt); Prokofiev (Ballet, The Prodigal Son: Scottish National Orchestra under

1.00pm News 1.05 Words: Part 3: Nervous? Relax! Reflection on medical language by historian Roy 1.10 Music from the Viennese Court (1720-30): Chandos Baroque Players, with Lynne Dawson, soprano, perform G. Porsile (Cantati A solo con traversieri); Caldara (Trio sonata, Op 1, No 5; Cantata, Festa con scialomu e fluttalman) (r) Smetana Quartet performs Petr Eben (Quartet No 1); Schubert (Quartet in E flat,

Schubert (Quartet in E flat, D 87) (r)

2.35 From the Proms 1988; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis and Witold Lutoslawski performs Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Lutoslawski (Plano Concerto: under the composer); Beritoz (Symphonie fantastique), incl 3.20 Interval Reading (r)

4.25 Début: Jonathan Snowdon, flute, Leslie Pearson, piano, perform Schubert (Sonata in A minor "Arpeggione", D 621); Midos Rozsa (Keleidoscope)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: John Carey, Christopher Cook, Helen

Christopher Cook, Helen McNeil, with Michael Billington in the chair, discuss The Early Hours of a Revited Man, by Howard Barker on Radio 3; the film version of Last Exit to Brooklyn; Munch and Photography at the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford; and Romeo and Juliet at the PfL 7.30 Mathis der Maler: From the Bavarlan State Opera in

Munich, the Bavarian State Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch perform Paul Hindernith's opera, 1934. The responsibility of the artist in society is portrayed with the central figure being the 16th-century painter
Matrias Grunewald, Sung in
German, Prologue, Scenes
1 to 4 8.50 The painter Grünewald, and the interpretation of him in the opera by Hindemith, are discussed by artist Peter de Francia and art historian Sarah O'Brien-Twohig **9.00** Scenes 5 to 7

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10.25 Lionel Hampton Orchestra:
Introduced by Geoffrey
Smith. Lorrel Hampton talks
during the interval of this
concert given during last
year's Lewisham Jazz
Festival 12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4 LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Graham Harvey reports on farming newspapers and who has newspapers and who has the most influence on the

- the editors and publishers or the makers of drugs and chemicals used in the farming industry

6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather
7.00 Today, with Sue MacGregor and Peter Hobday, Incl.
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9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news presented by Bernard Falk and including Chris Hawksworth's American travels as he goes north to San Francisco and become in Vesentie.

beyond to Yosemite National Park 10.00 News; Loose Ends; With Ned Shemin and guests Ned Sherrin and guests actors George Wendt (Norman in Cheers) and Ian McKellen, plus Pizza on the Park planist Ann Hampton-Calloway, and journalist and philosopher Brian Inglis (s) 11.00 News; The Week in Westminster: With Peter Jenkins

11.30 From our Own Correspondent: Includes a report on the East West Conference and the ANC Rounion 12.00 Money Box: Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby with results of a house price

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12.25pea I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clus: Humorous panel game starring Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden, with Tim Brooke-Taylor and Willie Rushton. Chaired by Humphrey Lyttelton (s) (r)

12.55 Weather

1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan 1.10 Any Quessions? Johannan Dimbleby in Sheffield with Alan Beith, MP, Julia Cleverdon, Ben Pimiott and Michael Portitio, MP (r)
2.00 News; Any Answers?
Johanna Dimbleby takes Johannan Challen Dimbleby takes viewers' calls on issues raised in Any Questions?

2.30 The Withering Woman: Play by David Zane Malrowitz, with Mary Wimbush as Marineste, an elderly woman who goes to France to live alone with her animals.

10.15 The Saturday Feature:
Beetimania (see Choice)
19.45 Smith's Elegy (new series):
Phil Smith uncovers some of the fascinating stories buried in Britain's overgrown graveyerds (1 of 6) (see Choice)
11.00 Richard Beker Compares Notes with founder members of the Fairer Sax, Gabrielle and Anne-Louise Lane (s) (r)
11.30 Furny That Way: Barry Cryer profiles Spike Milligan (s) (r)
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1.55-2.09 pm Programme News
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American West Coast adventures in Breakaway (R4, 9.30am)

SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

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In The Man From the Pru (BBC2. 10.15pm) the writer Robert Smith has feshioned a cogent drama from a puzzling 1931 murder in which a woman was battered to death in her gloomy little house in Liverpool. The husband, William Wallace, an insurance collector for the Prudential, was charged and found guilty. But the evidence was flimsy and though the marriage had its tensions, the prosecution could offer no motive for the crime Superbly played by Jonathan Pryce, Wallace was an enigmatic person-ality who displayed an extraordinary lack of emotion. Extraordinary that is to those unaware of his lifelong adherence to the precepts of stoicism. Smith's screenplay carefully establishes the shabby genteel ambience of the couple whose social aspiration is considerably greater than the reality, and the director, Rob Rohrer; makes expressive use of dark alleys and swirling mists. Bowler-hatted and wing-collared, with a touch of Dr Crippen, Pryce beautifully suggests Wallace's ambiguity. Murderer or innocent? You can never be sure.



Mystery: Wallace (Pryce) with his wife Julia (Anna Massey) (BBC2, 10.15pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• Had Move the Orchestra (Radio 4, 8.30mm) not been recorded in the best stereo imaginable, the BBC would have had to hang its head in shame because this is the story of the man who fathered stereophonic sound. Alan Blumlein was also the driving force behind the invention of radar and the world's first regular television service, and the most praiseworthy thing about Barry Fox's tribute to the pioneer is that, although it is concerned almost entirely with technological breakthroughs, it does not talk over non-technical heads. It also endeared itself to me because it does not lay on its humour with a trowel, straightfacedly reporting that the man who assisted Blumlein in his historic 1933 walking and talking" experiment in stereo sound was a certain Felix Trott.

newspapers are reviewed by Harriet Harman and Andrew Neil 9.25 The Dianey Club

8.50 Favourite Walks. Bill Oddie on Fair Isle (r)
9.15 Articles of Fatth. Creeds and Commitment (r) 9.30 This is the Day from Glasgow's City Chambers
10.00 Bazaar. Magazine series about living (r) 10.25 Buonglome Italia! Italian for beginners (r)
10.50 Europeans. Sexual politics in Europe discussed by Chantal Quer and Elisabeth Badinter (r) 11.20 Spelling it Out. Series to improve spelling, presented by Don Hendarson (r). (Ceefax) 11.30 Step up to Word Power. For adults with reading and writing difficulties
11.55 Snapi Advice on photographing children (r). (Ceefax) 12.05 See Hearl Magazine for the deal and hard-of-hearing
12.30 Country File. The second part of a two-part report on the Soviet I liston's arricultural problems

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1.00 News with Chris Lowe. Followed by On the Record. Reluctant Europeans?, Jonathan Dimbleby talks to Shadow Foreign Secretary Gerald Kaufman MP, about the Labour Party's change in attitude over Furnce

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2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceetax)

3.00 Film: Ocean's Eleven (1960), starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Devis Jr and Peter Lawford. Comedy about a plan to rob five Las Vegas casinos on one night. Directed by Lewis Milestone

5.05 The Clothes Show includes a look at viewers' complaints about shopping in the high street; and the latest range of make-up available for black people.

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5.30 Antiques Roadshow presented by Hugh Scully in Elgin. (Ceetax)

6.15 it Doesn't Have To Hurt! Getting fit the easy way. (Ceefax)

6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford. (Ceefax)

7.15 You Rang, M'Lord? Upstairs, downstairs comedy series starring Su Pollard, Michael Knowles and Paul Shahe. (Ceefax)

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Bergerac: My Name Is Sergeant
Bergerac, Forced to vacate his office
for a special mainfand Customs
and Excise operation, Jersey detective Jim discovers he is being impersonated by a small-time crook Starring John Nettles and Tony Robinson. (Ceefax)
9.00 Mastermind. From the Victoria

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Room at Bristol University, Magnus
Magnusson introduces four more
contestants. Their specialist subjects
are the history of brass bands;
the poems of T. S. Eliot; battles
fought on English soil 1066-1685;
and the life and work of Antoine
Lavoisier 1743-1794.
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10.30 Everymen: The People Trade.
Why wealthy Sri Lankan parents are sending their children to live in Germany 11,10 Dear John: USA. American

comedy based on the British series.
Tonight John faces a crisis of
conscience when his ex-wife tells him
they will have to pretend they are
married so that their son can be
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12.25 Shrikent. Episode three of the Indian drama serial. (In Hindi with

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6.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning Moments presented by Utrika Jonsson 7.00 it's Stardust Songs and stories about the alphabet introduced by Alvin Standust

8.90 David Frost on Sunday. The guests include John Prescott and the

10.45 Link examines the controversial issue of sterilization without consent 11.00 Morning Worship from St Peter and St Paul's Roman Cetholic Church

in Wolverhampton.

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3.30 The Match. Norwich City v
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Commander Stuckler is outraged by the rescue of the priest, Rex., and issues a threat which poses a problem for Kit and Renard. (Oracle)
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Elaine decide to try their hand at
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With Nicholas Lyndhurst and
Janet Dibley. (Oracle)
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Mine. Hastings is caught up in the
latest craze, Monopoly, and is
determined to prove to Poirot that
skill is the secret of winning. But a

skill is the secret of winning. But a visit to his bank leads Poirot to discover that there are London streets not featured on the Monopoly board — and different skills are required. With David Suchet and Hugh Fraser. (Oracle) 10.05 Tarrant on TV. The first of a new

series presented by Chris Tarrant tooking at television cultures of other countries

10.35 The South Bank Show. Melvyn Bragg looks at one of the great screen partnerships — Sir David Lean and Robert Bolt.

Lean and Robert Bolt.

11.35 One to One: Paul McCartney.
Anne Nightingale talks to the formerBeatle about his long and successful musical career.

12.05am The Chart Show (r)
1.05 Pick of the Week. A selection of the best of regional television.
Followed by News headlines
1.35 Film: Police Story (1975), starring Alain Deton and Jean-Louis Trintignant. Roger Borniche holds the record for catching criminal. Emile Buisson is a killer responsible for many murders and robberles. The paths of these two professionals are destined to cross. Directed by Jacques Deray
3.30 Hillary's Adventures. Explorers look for the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu.

Picchu
4.00 The Silk Road. How the world

outside China discovered the secrets 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

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7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 Jimbo and the
Jet Set (r) 8.00 Hallo Spencer 8.25
Smoggies 8.55 Paddington
Special (r) 9.20 Corners (r) 9.35
Thundercats (r)
9.55 Stue Peter Omnibus (r) 10.45
What's That Noise? 11.10 Boxpops
11.50 The O Zone
12.00 Westminster Week includes Lord
Young discussing his role in British
Aerospace's acquisition of the
Rover group

Rover group 12.35 Around Westminster 1.00 Betty Boop. Cartoon 1.95 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way

1.30 40 Minutes: Derling, Let's Start up an Airline (r). (Ceefax)
2.10 Reportage Update
3.00 Film: Evil Eden (1956), starring Georges Marchal and Simone Signoret. Drame set in the Amazon jungle. Directed by Luis Buñuel 4.40 Benny Rubin in Messenger Boy (b/w)
5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of England v Ireland and Wales v France 6.00 Ski Bundey from Kitzbühel
6.35 The Money Programme includes Peter Jay talking to the secretary of state for Employment, Michael Howard, about how he intends to curb excessive wage demands

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7.15 The Natural World: The Serpent's Embrace. A documentary about snakes. (Coefax)
8.05 Ripping Yarns: The Curse of the Claw. Starring Michael Palin (r)
8.40 The Midas Touch: The World Religion. The first of a new six-part series in which Anthony Sampson explores money

explores money

9.30 The Talk Show with Clive James. Clive James talks to Robert Hughes, Helen McNeil and Dennis Potter. 10.15 Film: The Man from the Pru (see

Choice) 11.45 Rapido (r) 12.15am Shub TV (r). Ends at 12.50

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hellelujahl 6.30 Country Ways.
Selsay, Sussax, in January (r) 7,00
World of Herba (r) 7.30 Box
Office Weekly 8.00 The Bluffers
8.30 Boy Dominic. Episode 11 (r) 9.00
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Dennis 9-25 Orientations includes a profile of

9.25 Orientations includes a profile of Filipino immigrant workers in Britain 10.00 A Week in Politics interviews beleaguered Labour MP Frank Field 11.00 Pob's Programme (r) 11.30 The Henderson Kids 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land of the Giamts 2.00 Opera on 4: Die Soldaten.
Zimmerman's opera recorded by Sturtgart State Opera in April 1989, conducted by Bernhard Kontarsky

49ers
6-30 The Wonder Years. Comedy
7-00 Fragile Earth: Storm on the
Mountain. The future of the

Stylish formanic musical about a fashion photographer who discovers the ideal female face working in a Greenwich Village bookshop. Directed by Stanley Donen 12.30am A Russia of One's Own. A profile of three Russian emigrės living in New York (r). Ends at 1.45

Kontarsky
4.10 Ballerina on a Ship. Soviet 4.30 A Midsummer Night's Dream by Mendelssohn performed by the Rotterdam Philharmonic

5.10 Salmon Night
5.30 American Football. A profile of the Super Bowl finalists — Deriver Broncos and the San Francisco

Camgoms
8.00 The Media Show examines why

game shows are good for you.

9.00 The Ikon and The Axe. Leading
Sovietartists and intellectuals discuss the realities of perestroike

10.30 Film: Funny Face (1956), starring Fred Astairs and Audrey Hepburn, Stylish romantic musical about a

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 10.50am The Frying Doctors 11.35 Time For Sport 12.30am-1.00 Farming in Wales 1.05am-1.10 News and weathe SCOTLAND: 12.30pm-1.00 Landward

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4.36 Figure 1.00 Reserved.

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SKY ONE

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun 6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's Incredible 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '90 4.00 Emergency 5.00 Eight is Enough 6.00 Family Ties 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 The World's Funniest Commercial Goofs 9.00 The Royal Rumble 1990 — Live 12.00 Entertainment This Week

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of Target 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Those Were the Days 8.30 Our World 9.30 The Were the Days 8.30 Our World 9.30 The Wall Street Journal 10.30 The Unesco Report 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Satellite Shop 2.00pm Carry On up the Khyber (1968): The Carry On team cause comic mayhem reliving Britain's colonial past 4.00 Å Little Romance (1979): Comedy 4.99 A Little Romance (1979): Comedy about two young people who fall in fore and run away to Venice. With Laurence Clivier and Diane Lane.
6.00 Times Men and a Baby (1987): Ted Danson, Steve Guttenberg and Torn Selleck are left holding the baby
7.49 Projector: Forthcoming movies on

7.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky
8.00 Stakeout (1987): A veteran cop (Richard Dreyfuss) falls in love with an escaped convict's girlfriend. With Emilio Estevez
10.00 Year of the Dragon (1985): Violent thriller set in Chinatown, starming Mickey Rourke as a crusading New York cop
12.15am Allien (1979): The crew of a cargo spaceship are stalked by a hostile alien. With Sigourney Weaver
2.15 Harvest of Hate: Two people are held prisoner in an Australian camp which is used to train Arab terrorists used to train Arab terrorists
4.00 Modern Problems (1981): Cornic tale of a man who acquires telekinetic

powers and uses them to win back his ex-girifriend. Starring Chevy Chase. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Eurosport Menu 9.30 World Cup Skling 12.30pm Rugby Union: Wales v France 2.00 Tour de France 1989 4.00 Australian Open Tennis 6.00 World Cup Skiing 7.00 Basketball 8.00 Football 10.00 Australian Open Tennis 11.00 Figure Skating: The NHK Trophy 12.00 World Cup Skiing

MTV

6.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 The Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Marcel Vanthilt 5.00 MTV Classics 6.00 Kristiane Backer 10.30 XPO 11.30 Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Ice Hockey 2.30 US Pro Ski Tour 3.00 Pro Bowlers 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 College Football 8.00 Ice Speedway 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 Spanish Soccer 1.45pm Ice Skating 3.00 Pro Bowlers 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Update 6.00 Ice Hockey 8.00 College Basketball 9.30 Boxing 11.00 Ice Hockey

● Full information on satellite TV magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

Financia in 7,30 to Hockey Lubrigo Servert all 11,00 US aFM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30cm until 12.30cm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30cm 5.60cm Tim Smith 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show @ 190900 1 10 . 12.30pm Car 54. n Ann Francher Brothers Brothe 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30 pts Pick of the Pops with Alan Freeman. This week the Top 20 charts from 1987, 1973 and 1122 877 1 3 3 3 3 GLOW 4.00 The 1985 3-00 Scruples II
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1.05 Weather

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4.00em David Allan 6.00
Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning
Sunday 2.05 Melodias For You
11.00 Your Radio 2 All-Time
Greats 2.00em Benny Green
2.00 Sounds Essy 4.00 Black
Magic 4.30 Sing Something
Simple 3.00 Charis Chester 7.00
Gorham and Swift 7.30 Dennis
O'Neil 8.30 Sunday Haif-Hour
9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes
10.05 Songs From The Shows
10.45 Matt Ross as the plano
11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00em
Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little
Night Music

RADIO 3

Headines
7.90 Journeys and Places:
Enesco (Romanian
Rhapsody No 1: Dalles SO
under Matal): Bax (Tintagel:
Uster Orchestra under
Bryden Thomson)
7.30 News Bryden Thomson)
7.39 News
7.36 Heiletz and Friends:
Besthoven (Trio in C minor,
Op 9 No 3: with Wellam
Primrose, viole, Gregor
Pisitgorsky, cellot, Brahms
(Double Concerto in A
minor. RCA Victor
Orchestra under Afred
Wallenstein, with Gregor
Pisitgorsky, cello)
8.36 News
8.35 Your Concert Choics: 8.35 Your Concert Choice:

TOP CONCERT CHOICE:
Kodity (The Peacocic
Husgerien State Orchestra
under Antal Boráti); Holst
(Choral Hymns from the Rig
Veda; Group 1: RPO under
Devid Wilcocks; RCM
Chamber Choir); Scrisbin
(Blanc Concepts; 120 under (Plano Concerto: LPO under Lorin Meazel); Blzet (The Pearl Fishers, Act 1. Acceptions, ACI 1, autorption-chestra under Boserio Bourdon, with Benlamino Glg8, tenor, Giuseppe de Luca, beritane); Debussy (Danea Skissope de Luca, beritone); Debussy (Dense Bacrée et dansa profiane: Academy of St Martin-Inthi-Fields, with Skalte Kanga, harp); Prokofiev (Symphony No 3: SNO under Neeme Järvi)

10.30 Music Weeldy with Michael Cliver. The Belts, the Belts! — the world of British and Offwer. The Bells, the Bells!

- the world of British and
Continental campanology is
explored by Charles
Bodinan Rae. One Week in
November - Baritone
Richard Suart's working
day, Mozart's
Saffcutaneous Operas zome hidden dramatic
Characters are discovered

ANNELS CALL teractors are discovered 11-12 Hayds from Amsterdam Parl. 1, SBC Welst SO under Frant Brüggen performs invocation to Neptune; Symphony No 100 in G "Milhary" 11-88 Post of the Month: A Selection of his work is read by the Bulgarian poet Lyubomir Nitcolov 11.55 Haydin: Part 2. Nelson Mass 12.45am Pieno and Winds: Quinteto Italiano parforms Berio Tricorenze — first UK Benic (Ricorenza - first UK Defformance: Sequenza IV,
lor plano): Mozari (Quintet
In E flat, K 452)

1.45 Yus Bashmet, viola, Mikheli
Mishilan, plano, perform
Botumann (Mirchenbilder,
Op 113): Brittan
B. achymne, Op 48):

(Lachrymae, Op 48); Brahms (Soneta in F minor,

Op 120 No 1) (r)

RADIO 2

2.45 Rubinstein on Record: The planist Artur Rubinstein performs Chopin (Mazurkas, Op 7); Szymanowski (Mazurkas, Op 50, Nos 1-3,6); Chopin (Polonaises: No 2 in E flat minor; No 5 in F sharp whor); Szymanowski 6.55cm Weather and News Headines minor; No 5 in F sharp
minor); Szymanowski
(Symphonie concertants, Op
60: Los Angeles PO under
Alfred Wallenstein); Chopin
(Mazurkas: in B flat minor,
Op 24 No 4; in C sharp
minor, Op 50 No 3; in B and
C sharp minor, Op 63 Nos 1
and 3; Poloneise fantasy,
Op 61) (r)
4.15 City of London Santonia
under Richard Hickox
performs Britten
(Sinfonietta, Op 1); Robin
Hollowsy (Romanza for

Hollowsy (Romanza for oboe and strings, Op 59 — first UK broadcast); Judith Weir (Ist mirant stells)

5.00 Hohenems Schubertiade 1989: The third of seven Schubert song recitals, with programmes arranged by opus number, is introduced opus number, is introduced by Richard Wilgmore

6.16 Woodbrook, by David Thomson. Adepted by Philip Donnellen. The story of a love affair with the Irish countryside, the people and the young tutor's pupil, Phoebe (Janina Fayo). With Maurice Denham as David and Sián Philips as lvy (r)

7.30 LSO Live at the Barbican under Michael Tilson

under Michael Tison
Thomas performs Mozart
(Symphony No 35 in D
"Haffine"): Copland (Quiet
City): Bernstein (Prekide,
Fugue and Riffis) 8-13 The Greening of John Rusidn.

An exploration, by writer and critic Peter Fuller, of Rusidn's contribution to the commercialization of art and the conservation of the the conservation of the environment 8.35 Prokoflev (Symphony No 5 in 8 flat)
9.30 Plano Recital: Philip Martin performs Britten (Holiday Diary); Philip Martin (Oiche Ceo! "Night Music" — Study for the left hand); Tippett (Plano Sonata No 2)
10.05 Third Ear: Historian Roy Porter in conversation with literary biographer Richard Holmes (r)

Herary unusual Holmes (r)

10.30 Choral Eucharist for the Third Sunday after Epiphany, recorded in Wakefield Cathedral (Pre) Wakefield Cathedral
11.30 Conion Nancarrow (Prelude
and Blues, 1938; Joanna
MacGregor, piano; Sming
Quartet Kronos Cusstet;
Studies for Player Plano
Nos 1 and 42, 1927 Ampico
Reproducing Plano,
modified by the composer)
12.00 News 12.05ama Close

WORLD SERVICE

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55ams Shipping Forecast 6.60
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Prelude (s)
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken:
With Jack Hywel-Davies,
including Bells on Sunday
from St Clement Danes,
Strand, London (s) 6.35
Weather

2.00 Gardeners' Cuestion Time from Gwent. Members of the Brockweir, Hewelsfield and St Briavels Garden Society question Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledwerd. Chaired by Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Seriat: Jim Davis, by John Massfield. The third enjects of a four-part.

episode of a four-part dramatization (s) (r)
3.30 The Trade Rag: Nick Baker examines the stories behind four trade magazines. Part 3: General Practitioner (s) (r)

8.50 Appeal by Lesie Philips on behalf of the Disabled Photographers' Society 8.55 Weather

Wainwright 11.39 Pick of the Week: With Margaret Howard (s) (r)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Su
Lawley with Sir Robin Day
(s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend: With Robin Lustig 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Hamilton-Paterson's novel Carontius, With Michael Magdalena von Pussels, Rosalind Ayres as Molly Air and Maurice Denham as the Rev Miles Moss (s) (r)

5.00 pm German Feature 6.25 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.50 Financial Review 5.55 Weather and Travol News 8.00 News 5.55 Weather and Travol News 8.00 News 5.55 Weather and Travol News 8.00 News 5.55 Chib 648 S.30 Londres Soir 6.15 BBC English 8.55 Matin 7.00 News 7.00 24 Hours; News 8.00 News 5.00 English 8.55 Sunmary and Financial News 7.35 From New 5.00 News 8.00 Personal Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Book View 8.25 Words of Feith 8.15 The Pleasure's Nours 10.00 News 8.00 News 8.00

RADIO 4

7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Power visits a dairy farm in Dyfed
(1)
7.40 Sunday year. 7.40 Sunday: With Clive Jacobs and Trevor Barnes, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers

9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letters from America: By
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: From
Glasgow Cathedral, ied by
the Flev William Morris (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus 11,15 News Stand: With Martin

3: General Practitioner (s) (r.
4.00 News; Gerontius: A
Journey. By James
Hamilton-Paterson in two
parts. Concluding the story
of Eigar's 1923 journey up
the Amazon to Manaos, as
fictionalized in James
Hamilton-Paterson's powel

4.47 Fragile Paradise: Andrew Mitchell continues to explore the islands of the Pacific and meets the last o'o a's bird (r)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Peter Tinniswood in Sheffleki

Peter Timiswood in Sheffield

5.40 Letter From The Sticks: David Bean on contemporary rural life. Part 3. Marx (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Weather

6.15 Feedback: Chris Dunldey airs listeners' comments on BBC programmes and policy (r)

6.30 The Root of the Matter: Analysis of key issues from around Britain. Presented by Hair Gordon

around Britain. Preserred by Heig Gordon 7.00 Cat's Whisters: Presented by Andy Crane. Marlene Marlowe investigates. . The Beast of Puddlethorpe Hall, by Roy Apps. Part 3; Dinosaurs Alive! Andy finds flying remiles in flying reptiles in Manchester; The Call of the Wild, by Jack London; The Toil of Track and Trail, read

by Bob Peck 7.36 Bookshelf: With Nigel Fords

7.30 BOOKSHEN: With Night Fords

8.90 The Sittsford Mystery: Fivepart dramatization of
Agatha Christie's novel (3)

(8) (7)

8.30 Move The Orchestra: Profile
of absent-minded genius
Atan Biumlein who was the
driving force behind steres
sound reproduction and
radar (5) (see Choice)

9.90 News; Enquire Within: Dity
Barlow tackles listeners'
guestions (7) guestions (f)
9.15 The Natural History
Programme: With Fergus
Keeling and Nick Devies
looking at strange behaviou

acrobatics of birds (r) 9.59 Veather 10.00 News 10.15 Pillars of Society: Michael Elliott profiles Marks and Spencer (r)

11.00 in Committee presented by Peter Hill

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Grace Sheppard reflects on the experience of fear (s)

12.00-12.30cm News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

Fix as LW except:

in cats and the aerial

FM as LW except 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options: 4.00 Community Matters 4.30 Learning to Listen 5.00 Get By In Russian 5.30 Buongiomo Italia!

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By Philip Webster, Peter Davenport and Ronald Faux

the alleged "shoot-to-kill" policy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Last night Mr Stalker said allegations to someone with authority of the Cabinet".

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, rejected calls inquiry. for a judicial inquiry into the affair, which has resurfaced with the collapse of the prosecution case against Mr Kevin Taylor, a close associate of Mr Stalker, after a 16-week fraud trial.

But last night the Greater police. Manchester police authority ordered an inquiry into the withdrawal of the prosecution case against Mr Taylor.

Mr Waddington said conspiracy theories surrounding Mr Taylor's prosecution and Mr Stalker's suspension were him in March las "quite out of order". Some firm of solicitors. Tory MPs had called for an independent investigation.

But the Labour Party demanded a statement from the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, about the ending of

Mr John Morris, the shadow attorney-general, said: We want to know if there are any wider implications from

the dropping of this trial."

He said that a judicial inquiry might eventually be the answer but first his colleagues wanted to know more

allegations is the disclosure by Mr Stalker, the former Manchester deputy chief constable. that he has obtained a document which, he says, adds proof to the claim that he was of the allegations being made deliberately removed from his investigation into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary at a time when he was about to gain access to highly sensitive information.

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The Government yesterday his living as an author, writer challenged Mr John Stalker to and broadcaster, says the inproduce evidence to back up vestigation, subsequent charghis claims that Cabinet Office ing and prosecution of his officials had orchestrated his friend, the Manchester propremoval from the inquiry into erty dealer, Mr Taylor, was a "contrivance" to justify his removal from the Northern Ireland investigation.

He had been appointed to he would produce the docu- the investigation in May 1984 ment at the centre of his and removed two years later, shortly after securing per-"direct access to and the mission to gain access to M15 tapes of one of the killings which were the subject of his

> Mr Stalker was suspended from duty during the investigation of allegations against him, centring on his friendship with Mr Taylor, but was eventually reinstated. Shortly afterwards he left the

Last night, in a statement issued through his solicitors, he said the Home Secretary had rejected calls for an inquiry without knowing what was in the document, which was among a number given to him in March last year by a

The case in which Mr Taylor faced fraud charges collapsed after 16 weeks at Manchester Crown Court when the prosecution said it would not be proper to pro-ceed and the Judge ordered the jury to return formal not guilty verdicts against the businessman and three others accused of defrauding the Cooperative Bank.

The Home Secretary was asked about the Stalker-Taylor affair during a visit to Liverpool yesterday. He said f the facts.

At the centre of the new actions of Chief Constable Anderton in suspending Mr Stalker.

Mr Waddington said he saw no reason for an inquiry and added: "Because of the nature against Mr Stalker, the chief constable sought advice from the Inspectorate of Constabulary and came to the conclusion that he had no option but to suspend him pending the investigation into the allegations being made."

Government | Ready for Pakistan's raging white waters



inflatable raft on the National Water Centre's artificial rapids in Nottinghamshire in preparation for the

Mr Haddon belongs to a team

meter inflatable with a 30hp 500cc Sazuki engine, performed well yesterday (Ray Clancy writes). "We were able to turn around in the middle of the rapids and zipped up

Indus from Skardu near the Chinese border to Gilgit.

"It is the steepest and longest rapid section of the Indus. It goes through steep gorges and a 25-mile section is completely isloated from

He said this particular model could be just what the team wants to

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tackle the wild waters of Pakistan. "It can be packed small into a container for transporting and it is

Gatting's rebel cricket tour in doubt

incident by the security forces.

South African sports journalists suggested that South Africa's quest for a return to international sport had been irretrievably damaged by the incident which had also, they believed, put back by several years cricket's attempts to become fully multi-racial.

After the team's arrival, Gatting said he would not reconsider his participation in were turned back, and the six

Six bus-loads of protesters led by Mrs Mandela had arrived at the airport unaware that the team's South African Airways flight had been delayed. From early morning police

sealed off the entrances to the airport and stopped and searched all vehicles. Some buses carrying tour protesters

Continued from page 1 the tour. "I hope there is no allowed through were directed violence," he added. "Why do over the handling of the we need violence when no yards from the international terminal.

> The protesters were allowed to disembark but were warned against breaking any laws. About 150, mainly blacks but including some young whites, began marching towards the terminal chanting and waving placards proclaiming: "Mike Gatting the British Judas Iscariot" and "Apartheid is not a game".

They got as far as a police

from the terminal entrance where a police colonel, speaking in Afrikaans through a loudhailer, ordered them to disperse "within one minute".

Within seconds the police charged from three sides, appearing to corral the demonstrators in a small area near the booth, which was immediately declared an "unrest area" under the state of emergency regulations. This had the effect of barring journalists from approaching.

MP seeks disclosures on Scots judge scandal

Continued from page 1 on which to instruct further by Lord Hope, Lord President investigations. If at any time of the Court of Session, the Lord Advocate were to be concerning allegations of made aware of sufficiently homosexual behaviour. The specific allegations to instruct allegations against four of the inquiry, the appropriate steps would of course be taken. Allegations of non-criminal conduct by judges are not matters for investigation by the Lord Advocate."

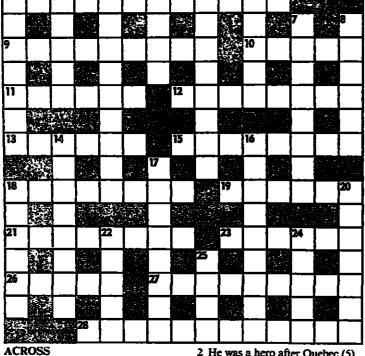
It emerged on Wednesday night that five judges, includ- but saying there was no truth

judges, referred to as judges A, B, C and D, were unfounded. Early yesterday, Lord Weir,

the subject of investigations

a senior High Court judge, issued a statement admitting that he was one of the judges interviewed by Lord Hope, ing Lord Dervaird, had been in the allegations.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.196



1 Deal in some old coins (4-8).

9 Party conference (9). 10 Skin blemishes when a vein

11 Issue a book (6). 12 Animal finds tail such a trial, maybe (5-3).

13 Appear mad, hiding in such dangerous terrain (6). 15 Gluttons' desire for food, though unfit for humans (3-5). 18 Knight took chance on weapon

19 Press for identification (6). 21 US college has single entry to make things easier (8).

23 Sort of clock that does best on summer time? (6). 26 A new union making a profit

27 Quisling was wearing no combinations (9). 28 Complaint about abnormal

mental state after battle (12).

1 Chemist has gone to pull up herb (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18.190 PRIMAFACIE O D E A R A DEFILE STURGEON G L C E TEENAGER IO ONTHEHOUSE LRALGIN DMANZAMBESI LASSL PADDYMELON

2 He was a hero after Quebec (5). 3 "Athens ... mother of arts and

_" (Milton) (9). 4 Aid to cheating for lying child

5 It provides support for amateur type of critic (8). 6 Weapon bunged up, for instance, with muck (5).

7 Sign that the news is worrying? (8).

8 Caveman who made an overture 14 Such fine glasses, but could be blind (8).

16 Minor things - not even pintsized (5,4). 17 To lie in the sun in tropical Africa brings day of reckoning

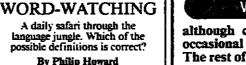
18 Heard to progress awkwardly with this rear puncture (6).

20 Justice is called for in court (7).

22 Spirit that rubber may produce (5). 24 Sway - we hear it falls (5). 25 In horse-race, back this Olympic

Solution to Puzzle No 18,195. LASTDITCH I I E

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HAOMA a. A sacred drink Japanese baseball

DOUBLEHEADER Two games at one meeting An executive chairperson

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Concise crossword, page 46

ABROAD

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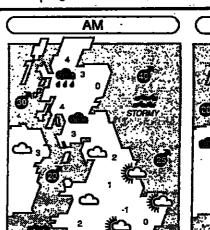
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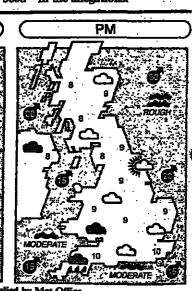
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Birch leads new trust from **BZW**

Mr Philip Birch, chairman of Ward White until its hostile takeover by Boots last August, is chairman of a new trust from Barclays de Zoete Wedd. BZW is making its first foray into the investment trust market with a trust linked to UK

convertibles.
The BZW Convertible Investment Trust aims to raise £70 million from institutions and individuals.

Subscriptions opened yes-terday, and close on January 30. Dealings are due to begin on February 8. A full prospectus will appear in The Times on Monday and the prospects will be analysed in the Tempus column of that morning.

· A series of rights issues are likely to come from investment trust companies in the next few weeks, in an effort to bring premiums down. A number of European investment trusts are also on the way. Family Money, page 23

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December inflation rate beats market expectations with 7.7%

Bank loans soar to £10.3bn

Bank of England figures showing that sterling lending more than doubled last month to £10.3 billion signalled the beginnings of a rebound in the economy. The news sent an aiready nervous stock market into retreat, with the FT-SE 100 index shedding more than 17 points before recovering to close only 1.9 down.

But better-than-expected retail prices data lent support to the view held by Mr John Major, the Chancellor, that inflation has stabilized, and helped to assuage fears that interest rates might have to be inflation figures was largely can-celled out by figures showing a jump in bank and building society lending last month to a seasonally adjusted £10.3 billion. This compared with a modest £4.8 billion in

The retail price index rose only a seasonally adjusted 0.3 per cent to 118.8 (base 1980) last month, giving an unchanged year-on-year rise of 7.7 per cent, but the bank lending data, together with money supply and consumer spending back for efforts aimed at cooling down the economy.

City forecasters had expected a rise in the RPI to 7.9 per cent, or

demands still further at a crucial moment and threatening to wreck the Government's anti-inflation

But the important underlying rate - RPI excluding mortgage interest payments - also held steady, showing a 6.1 per cent year-on-year rise for the third successive month.

Though the inflation rate was unchanged last month, the RPI rose by an average 7.8 per cent last year - the highest rate for seven years. In his autumn statement. Mr Major forecast 7.5 per cent in the

While price changes in the pipeline point to a possible dip in

or so, many economists fear that it is likely to stay above 7 per cent for much of the year before dropping substantially.

The chances of achieving Mr Major's forecast of 5.75 per cent inflation in the final quarter are regarded as limited.

According to the Bank of England, the bank lending figure was distorted by several factors, including the privatization of water, new schedules for some corporate tax payments, interest debiting and lively takeover activity.

Economists also thought the figures overstated the lending situation and saw an underlying appearance of a lending surge.

The narrow money supply measure, M0, showed a worrying seasonally adjusted rise of 6.0 per cent annually, but this movement outside the Treasury's 1-5 per cent target growth range had been tiagged in weekly Bank figures.

Other data showed consumer spending rising by 1.2 per cent between the third and fourth quarters to stand 3.5 per cent above the final quarter of 1988. This gave a preliminary full figure for 1989 of £270.9 billion, a rise of almost 4.5 per cent on the previous year.

The value of this series has been widely questioned and the Central

the inflation rate in the next month cooling, despite the outward Statistical Office has decided to cease publishing them.

> The batch of economic indicators helped sterling to soften from its best for the day, but it closed at 88.1 on its trade-weighted index, unchanged from Thursday's

Gilt-edged securities dipped on the lending data, only to rebound later. Money market rates edged up

The CSO cited sharp increases in food prices, the highest since May 1984, as a main factor behind the December RPI rise. The CSO expects further food price rises but housing costs should go down in

Fears grow for Lowndes as rescue package talks continue

Magnet's buyout team paid £350m too much for firm

Magnet, the kitchen retailer, which has put together a rescue package for its £629 million management buyout, revealed yesterday that the buyout team paid £350 million too much for the busi-

The news came as bankers tried desperately to save Lowndes Queensway, the furniture group, which appears to be on the brink of insolvency. Magnet posted a document to shareholders yesterday, giving details of the rescue pack-age. In the balance sheet of the Magnet buyout vehicle, the £665 million investment in

the business has been written

down to £304 million. The

balance sheet now shows a £266 million deficiency of net Some £560 million in loans have been committed for a period of three years, while £200 million of debt repayments have been deferred. But the rescue package has little scope for flexibility and is dependent of sales increasing

programme continuing. Mr Tom Duxbury's resignation as chairman has been confirmed. He receives a £125,000 pay off and is relieved of his obligation to

and the sale and leaseback

purchase further shares. Mr John Foulkes, Magnet's managing director, who joined the group last August, gets a salary of £200,000 a year. He also receives a fixed bonus of £1 million if the buyout vehicle is floated, sold or becomes insolvent before December 1991. If it is sold, floated or wound up before December 1992, he receives a

fixed bonus of £2 million. The document also publishes the group's results for the first time. The group fore-cast profits of £72.7 million for the year to April 1989 but the actual profit was £45.9 million. Turnover for the year to April million to £369.3 million. Mr Albert King, the former

finance director of Magnet who is suing for wrongful dismissal, said in a statement: "It was apparent from the outset that the accounting systems were grossly inadequate for a company the size of Magnet. I implemented, after careful planning, major organizational changes and systems improvements. Under my stewardship, the company's accounting vastly

The profit estimate of the company for the year ended from insolvency.

April I 1989, which appeared in the documents relating to the management buyout, was approved by both Arthur Young, the company's auditor, and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. When I last performed my duties as a director these figures were unchanged and there was no question of any audit qualifi-

Magnet Home Improvement's results for the six months to September 1989 show that sales were down 16 per cent. There was a £6.87 million operating loss com-pared to a £23 million profit. After property profits and exceptional items, the loss for the period was £26.5 million compared with a profit of £39.6 million. Turnover fell from £167 million to £141

Meanwhile, Lowndes Queensway was locked in meetings with its bankers and lawyers yesterday afternoon as fears grew that a solution to the group's financial problems was becoming more difficult to find. Bankers have been trying to put together a £70 million rescue package all week to save the company



Mr James Gulliver, the group's chairman, is believed to have resigned and been

replaced by Mr Norman Ireland, a non-executive director. On Thursday, Lowndes outlined a plan to branch managers which involved the closure of 40 per cent of the group's outlets and could have

led to the loss of up to 2,000

jobs. Under the scheme outlined Lowndes would keep 79 per cent of its selling space, 84 out-of-town stores.

per cent of its sales and most of its profits. But it is believed that even this drastic measure may not be enough to save the group.

Under the scheme outlined

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Rechem price tumbles on warning

By Martin Waller

Shares in Rechem Environmental Services, the toxic waste disposal group in the news last summer over a shipment of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), plummeted 155p to 498p yesterday when it issued a profits warning.

A six-month delay in opening its electric hearth incinerator in Pontypool and problems in the scheduling of waste incineration in November and December meant profits for the second half to end-March would now be lower than in the same period last financial year, the company said.

But results for the full year would still show an increase. This effectively brackets pre-tax profits for the current year between £8.75 million and £9.8 million, against analysts' estimates of about £11 million.

Mr Paul Kaye, the finance director, said Rechem's public relations difficulties last summer had exacerbated the problem.

It had diverted management's attention from their other responsibilities.

And Mr Kaye branded the share price collapse as "a typical stock market overreaction.

The Rechem price was around 500p in June, but rose sharply in the last two months of the year on the back of the "green boom" and the Government's proposed environmental legislation.

Mr Kaye added that the various difficulties would not spill over into the next finan-

De Haan family bids £54m **Dominion** calls in to take Saga Group private receiver

Dominion International, the Saga Group, the over-60s and property group built up by Mr Max Lewinsohn before his departure after shareholder pressure last August, has called in the receiver.

A statement said "strenuous efforts" had been made to secure either a rescue package or a corporate restructuring, to salvage the maximum value for shareholders. Its bankers, with the support of the board, had decided

to call in the receiver, but it was expected that certain subsidiaries would be able to continue trading profitably. Dominion, whose chair-man, Lord Barnett, and four other directors, resigned last year, had its shares suspended at 52p in September.

holiday tour operator, is going private after the agreed acquisition by the founding De Haan family of the 37 per cent minority holding it does not already own. The De Haans, led by Mr

Roger de Haan, the Saga chairman, and backed by the company's independent direc-tors, are offering minority shareholders 300p a share cash. The company is busy diversifying into insurance, publishing and retirement homes after being hit by the deteriorating US and British holiday market. The bid, which values Saga

at £54.3 million and puts it on a generous exit multiple of 20.1 times earnings, coincides

with a profits forecast below market expectations of at least £5 million. Saga, which arranges holidays for 250,000 elderly people, expects pre-tax profits of £4.1 million for the year to end-January, a mar-ginal increase of £100,000 over the previous year.

Saga blamed the flat profits on worries about the economy and air safety. Mr Roger de Haan and his

brother Peter, Saga's finance director, said the return of the company to private status would allow it more flexibility to implement a diversification strategy that has "a time horizon and a risk profile inappropriate for a publiclylisted company.

Saga's independent direc-

tors, advised by County NatWest, intend to accept the offer in respect of their joint 0.35 per cent holdings and have called on other minority shareholders to do the same. Mr Tim Bull and Mr Jerry Foster will remain on the Saga board, while Mr Robert Levine, a non-executive director and the vice president of

US Tobacco, will leave.

The offer, at a 32.2 per cent premium to the 227p midbefore the family declared its intentions a few days before Christmas, is considered to be more than the probable market price for Saga shares in the short or medium term. Saga shares were yesterday unchanged at 294p.

US casino operator puts down £30m

Mecca cashes in chips at Clermont

By Melinda Wittstock

Mecca Leisure, Britain's biggest leisure company, has finally found a buyer for The Clermont Club, the exclusive Mayfair casino that it put up on the auction block last October along with Maxim's, its other high-rolling casino.

Bally Manufacturing Corporation, the American fruit machine and casino operator, has offered £30 million for The Clermont, one of Europe's most prestigious gambling clubs, whose patrons have included Sir James Goldsmith, Lord Lucan and the Sultan of Brunei. The sale of The Clermont - acquired in Mecca's hard-fought £750 million

takeover of the much-larger Pleasurama more than a year ago - is conditional on Bally gaining consent from the British Gaming Board and the approval of the Nevada Gaming Authority. But Mr Michael Guthrie, Mecca chairman and chief executive, said that he did not believe that there would be a problem in obtaining a casino operating licence for Bally, even though the Gaming Board has never yet granted a licence to a foreign operator.

Mecca, which had said that it was looking to sell both The Clermont and Maxim's for a combined £60 million. yesterday said that it was very pleased with Bally's offer, which puts The Clermont on a generous exit multiple of

The Clermont's assets have a book value of £24.5 million, with estimated net profit for 1989 of about £3 million.

Mecca will use the cash from the Bally deal, negotiated with Mr Nat Solomons, Bally director and former Pleasurama chairman, to help to reduce £280 million of borrowings left over from its acquisition of Pleasurama. Mr Guthrie again emphasized that

Mecca would not sell Maxim's unless a

believe that Maxim's, based in Kensington, could fetch between £20 million and Mecca, a casino market leader in

Britain, with 27 licences in all, plans to retain its three other mid-market London casinos - The Connoisseur, The Gloucester Sporting Club and The Victoria Sporting Club. Mr Guthrie said that the middle

market was far less volatile and a more steady source of income than the top-ofthe-line clubs, which have been suffering from a decline in the number of Middle Eastern, Japanese and American highrollers dropping by for a gamble.

Bally, which operates four casinos and hotels in the US and runs a fitness centre business, is also one of the biggest amusement machine operators in the US and Germany. It reported turnover in 1988 of \$1.9 billion (about £1.1 bn).

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French to lift McAlpine stake

Alfred McAlpine has become the latest construction company to bring a European partner on to its share register to beef up its financial muscle.

Dumez, the French construction group, is to increase its present 4.7 per cent stake to 12 per cent, the maximum agreed with the McAlpine board. M Jean-Paul Parayre, Dumez's president, has been invited to join the McAlpine

At current share prices, Dumez's investment would be

Static

profits

at David

Smith

By Colin Campbell

David S Smith (Holdings), the

packaging and paper group over which bid clouds have

long loomed, warns of difficult

short term trading conditions

and of greater pressure on

margins in the second six

months of its current financial

In the six months ended

October 28, the group re-corded a turnover of £181.4

million compared with £166.4

million, but only a modest

increase in pre-tax profits

from £15.7 million to £15.8

At the operating level, prof-

its were £18.6 million (£17.1

million), but the interest pay-able charge jumped from

£1.52 million to £3.08 million.

benefit from any increased

demand from an environ-

Its Kemsley project is

heavily involved in re-cycled

material, and there have been

additional developments in

the field of waste paper.
In time, benefits of plant

refurbishment and the com-

pletion of other projects -

which have yet to reach full

profitability - will be evident.

to place emphasis on expand-

ing its specialist packaging

However, "in the short term, the trading position looks more difficult than for

some time, and lower levels of

demand and a less certain

economic climate are giving

rise to greater pressure on

are maintaining the interim

Meanwhile, the directors

margins," the board says.

dividend at 2.75p a share.

David S Smith will continue

mentally conscious market.

The group says it should

The moves cement a cooperation agreement reached main effect of which will be to allow McAlpine to pursue larger construction contracts in Britain, while offering Dumez a way into the British

Mr Bobby McAlpine, the chairman, welcomed the deal. "This agreement will enable us to tackle larger projects which might not have been practicable on our own, and will enable us to pursue more

construction market.

completely privately funded developments where con-The partners will also be

looking for new opportunities in the United States and in minerals. Jean Lefebvre, Dumez's road building associate, is also party to the agreement. The partners say that the agreement will operate to "a

more limited extent" in continental Europe. The increasing need for

able to draw on greater internal resources - particularly by the two companies, the tractors are increasingly being for infrastructure projects asked to take part in the has prompted both agreed financing."

has prompted both agreed deals, along the line of yesterday's, and more hostile solutions, such as the bid for

Higgs and Hill by YJ Lovell Those opting for the agreed route with a continental partner include Birse, which last year revealed an agreement with Bilfinger & Berger, the West German group, as part of its flotation strategy.

B&B took a 15 per cent companies.

while, Hochtief, another West German group, has a 23 per cent stake in Rush & Tompkins.

Other continental groups have opted for greater degree

Société Générale d'Enterprise, the French company, last year took a 52 per cent stake in Norwest Holst, while Hollandsche Beton Groep, the Dutch group, has taken over Kyle Stewart and Edmund Nuttall, two private British

American reports

American Medical International Corp has reported a first quarter pre-tax loss of \$82.6 million (£50.2 million) after charging \$128.2 million in one-off merger costs.

The pre-tax loss for the three months to end-November compares to a \$640,000 pre-tax profit in the same period in 1988, which included \$13 million in additional medical malpractice provisions and \$11 million in lease buyout costs.

American Medical managed to increase its net turnover by 12.6 per cent to \$728.2 million. It reported a net after-tax loss of \$53.7 million, against \$440,000 profit last time, as well as a loss per share of 76 cents (1 cent earnings).

American Medical is talking to a number of would-be buyers for its 65 per cent stake in AMI Healthcare, its British private hospital subsidiary, as part of a plan to sell off all foreign assets after a recent \$3 million buyout led by IMA

Acquisition Corporation.

Mr Harry Gray, the chairman and chief executive, said the results showed a strong cashflow before merger costs. He is confident American Medical will generate enough cash to service its \$1.4 million debt and fund capital expenditure. It managed to reduce costs by 22.7 per cent.

The group has so far sold one hospital in Florida and another in Singapore, while putting up 12 other US acute care and psychiatric hospitals for sale. Mr Gray said negotiations were proceeding well for the sale of its AMI Healthcare

BUSINESS ROUNDUP Medical | Lovell 'facing defeat' in Higgs and Hill bid The hard-fought £162 million battle for control of Higgs and Hill closes at 1pm today, with the bidder, Y.J Lovell, the fellow building contractor, facing apparent defeat. Sir Brian fellow building contractor, facing apparent defeat. Sir Brian Hill, the Higgs chairman, said he was "quietly confident", with expressions of support from significantly more than 25 per cent of his shareholders. The higher of the two offers per cent of his shareholders. £50m loss values each Higgs share at almost 482p, against a market

By Melinda Wittstock

price of 413p yesterday.

Mr Tony Williams, building analyst at UBS-Phillips & Drew, said: "They are not going to get it. The logic of the share price movements, with Lovell going up and Higgs going down, points to the conclusion that they are not going to get control." The bid had been "a bit too big and a bit too ambitious" for Lovell at this stage in its development, he believed. The company's error had been not to bid enough and not to offer a full cash alternative.

Serif Cowells LPA sparks in £2m deal

Serif Cowells, the USM LPA Industries, the indusgames distributor which trial electrical accessories markets Trivial Pursuit and company, lifted pre-tax profits by 7.5 per cent to \$871,000 in the year to endhas the sole rights to distribnte Nintendo video games, is expanding into the growing September, on turnover up market for electronic learn-12.3 per cent to £7.45 miling games and books with lion. Earnings per share rise the purchase of the Questron from 6.06p to 6.40p, and the final dividend is improved range of branded products for £2 million. Serif has from 1.6p to 1.7p, making acquired them from Bidewell Ltd. a subsidiary of Price 3.2p for the year, compared with 3p. The net asset per share climbs from 54.94p to Stern Sloan Inc of California

Texaco up to \$2.4bn

Texace, whose British subsidiary, Texace UK, is a hig producer from the North Sea and has the fourth largest share of the British petrol market, reports that worldwide net income for the fourth quarter of 1989 slipped to \$287 million (£174.6 million), or 99 cents per share, compared with \$296 million (\$1.21) in 1988. However, net income for the year climbed to \$2.41 billion (\$9.12) compared with \$1.3 billion (£5.26)

Fourth-quarter results for 1989 included charges of \$355 million for the establishment of financial reserves relating to the company's environmental programmes as well as a reduction in the valuation of an investment in an offshare Californian production facility.

Dale Electric DC Cook falls profits hit

Dale Electric, the power seen its pre-tax profits fall to £710,000 from £1.2 million at the interim stage to October. Turnover improved from £24.2 million to £29.9 million in the period but presand high interest charges had an adverse affect. The interim dividend stays at 2p

to £401,000

DC Cook continued to find it difficult to sell cars in the six months to end-October when pre-tax profits fell £3.8 million to £401,000 on turnover of £118.9 million, up from: £108.9 million. The interest charge more than doubled to £3.3 million. No interim dividend (1.33p) will be paid, on earnings per share of last time. Its USM shares were unchanged at 41p.

Low & Bonar link-up

Low & Bonar, the Scottish packaging and specialist textiles group, has set up a joint venture with the Constantia Group of Austria, creating a link with one of Europe's big packaging groups. Bonar Constantia, 2 jointly-owned company, will own L&B's flexible packaging business interests together with Constantia Group's British subsidiary, Teich Aluminium.

This deal involves L&B selling technology, plus a stake in its businesses, for £6 million. Constantia will subscribe £2.3 million in cash for additional shares which will bring its shareholding to 50 per cent. Bonar Teich Flexibles, as it will shortly be called, will then acquire Teich Aluminium (UK) for £300,000. L&B's shares firmed by 1p to 184p on the news

Linter seeks debt moratorium From Our Correspondent, Sydney Mr Abe Goldberg's Linter Australia's leading clothing

Group, Australia's largest tex-tile and clothing company, was yesterday seeking a mora-torium on more than Aus\$700 million (£352 million) of debt. Mr Goldberg is known in Britain as instigator of two bid attempts for Tootal, the textile group, in 1985 and again early last year. His unwelcome ad-

rits own merger proposal. Mr. Ans\$390 million.

Goldberg accepted Coats's Lister executives were unoffer for his 24.5 per cent stake in Tootal and walked away terdsy, but KPMG Peat in Tootal and walked away with a £7 million profit. But 1989 did not end so

happily, and the fate of Linter now hinges on two emergency meetings next week with its bankers. Mr Goldberg will speak to anxious Treedleys and Melbourne on Toesday and Sydney on Wednesday after admitting that Linter was facing "significant losses" this year and was unable to meet its debts. Linter, a private company, sports some of

Several of its 40 lenders are believed to be on the verge of calling in loans, which could force it into receivership or provisional liquidation. Cen-tral to the banks' worries are millions of dollars in loans channelled by Linter to Brick and Pipe, the building materivances were foiled after Coats als producer Mr Goldberg Viyella entered the fray with acquired last June for

Marwick Hungerfords, the accountant, confirmed it had prepared a report on Linter's Major lenders include ANZ

Westpac, National Australia Bank, and overseas institutions. In a letter to bankers, Mr Goldberg said Peat Marwick had found a "substantial deliciency" of assets against liabilities, after providing for losses on loans to



Abe Goldberg: preparing to face anxious creditors

Bond receivership

From David Tweed, Sydney

Bond Brewing Holdings' plunge into receivership was a "wicked injustice" which had caused irreparable and incalculable damage to the company and its subsidiaries, the Victorian Supreme Court was told.

Mr Allan Myers, QC, for Bond Brewing, said, in his closing address yesterday, that Mr Justice Beach had been misled by not being given all the details relating to Bond Brewing's loan agreement with a bank syndicate which had an Aus\$880 million (£426.5 million) exposure to Bond

Brewing. He also said the appointment of receivers should not have been made as an indefinite order, but as an David S Smith shares ini- interim order only so as to preserve tially shed 5p to 328p, al- the value of the assets.

though later traded only 1p The court is nearing the end of the down at 332p. The court is nearing the end of the third week's hearing into applications

by Bond Corporation Holdings, the Bond Brewing parent company, to have the appointment of Mr David Crawford and Mr Charles Fear as receiver-managers set aside.

A receiver was appointed on December 29 at the request of the National Australia Bank (NAB),

natiago (Reuter) - The Chilean Telephone Company (CTC), whose majority shareholder is Mr Alan Bond, reported a profit of \$95.6 million (£58.3 million) in 1989, up from \$63.5 million the previous year, Mr Mark Babidge, the chief executive,

Mr Myers said a receiver should never have been appointed for an unsecured creditor. To do so in this case would set a precedent which would totally change the interpretation of commercial law.

He said the line was firmly

itors - "between those who have property interests and those who don't." Your Honour is taking a most novel step ... the banks are un-secured creditors. They are ab-

solutely, wholly and solely without any security whatsoever. If a mere unsecured creditor could come along said. CTC revenues grew to \$268.6

million from \$209.3 million in 1988. Bond Corp Chile holds a 51 per cent stake in the company. CTC invested \$200 million in 1989 and installed 188,292 new telephone lines as part of a five-year \$1.3 billion expansion.

and have a receiver appointed, that would be a very extraordinary thing. "The fact of your Honour's order is even worse than requiring us to pay the Aus\$880 million because all of our assets are subject to the order.

"The order has worked a third week's hearing into applications between secured and unsecured cred-injustice to Bond Brewing and it's

subsidiary companies. It has caused irreparable and incalculable damage to these companies.

Mr Myers told Mr Justice Beach he had been misled on matters of law and

The granting of ex parte orders also carried a heavy responsibility on the party seeking the order to present all information.

"It was prima facie improper to obtain an ex parte order," Mr Myers

Mr Justice Beach said it was at his discretion whether he could appoint an ex parte receiver. He told Mr Myers there was a British law case where an unsecured creditor had a receiver appointed.

This court can appoint the receiver whenever it thinks it is just or convenient to do so," Mr Justice

The hearing continues on Monday,

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In the past 12 months, there

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Acquisitions are as much

about securing scarce skilled

employees, many graduates

Last year, Hoskyns's assets

were put at £25 million, and

the company was worth about

Mr Geoff Unwin, executive

chairman of Hoskyns, said:

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we haven't touched the

will commence on February 6.

Beeson Gregory, the broker, says Norfolk will then be

capitalized at £82 million, and

the company will apply for progression from the USM to a full listing this summer.

Beeson Gregory expect full year profits to rise to £16 million this year implying earnings per share of 30p.

A final dividend of 3.375p brings the total to 4.5p (3.375p), on earnings per

share up by 34 per cent to

It typifies what Norfolk is

Mr Peter Eyles, Norfolk's

chairman, defended his de-

cision to enter into the con-tract with TPA, a shell company being used as an acquisition vehicle by Mr

Thomas O'Connor, a private

He said it had been based on

a letter from an unnamed American institution acting

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were up 60 per cent, with earnings per share increased by 48 per cent - is likely to are hooked up. The initial command a premium price payment of £3.5 million was close to, or possibly even more than, £300 million. It has seen consistent growth for 12 years. GEC and Siemens said that Plessey had decided to enter Alton faces

shake-up of leisure to \$2.46n interests The next few weeks are likely

> the leisure interests of Mr John Broome, owner of the Alton Towers theme park near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, and would-be developer of Battersea power station. As Sir Robert McAlpine, the contractor, moves the last of its equipment off the Bat-

By Our City Staff

to see a radical restructuring of

Hoskyns, Britain's biggest computer services specialist,

70 per cent of which belongs to

Plessey, now owned by the

General Electric Company

(GEC) and Siemens, has had

Its shares rose 65p to 338p

Hoskyns as a fast-growth

company in a booming sector

- its pre-tax profits last time

on the announcement.

as yet unnamed bid ap- then, partly through

acquisitions.

The most recent acquisition

provider of consultancy and

training in specialized com-

puter services, such as "open

systems", in which computers

from different manufacturers

expected to rise to around £12

Hoskyns claims more than

ment (FM) market, in

60 per cent of the facilities

which a computer services

tersea site, Mr Broome's £280 million dream of building a huge leisure complex is over. Salvation of his ambitions for the site now lies in the hands of Wandsworth Council. which will consider his new application for a development made up principally of commercial office and ex-

hibition space. A number of property companies are understood to be looking at the site.

The role of Mr Paul Bloomfield in the development is as mercurial as ever. Last year, Mr Broome and Mr Bloomfield announced their plans for a new company, Alton Intemational, to be jointly held on a 50:50 basis.

When asked yesterday whether Alton International had actually come into existence, a Broome spokesman would not comment.

The new planning application has been lodged by Alton Group.

Despite this confusion over his precise equity involvement, Mr Bloomfield is still involved in the negotiations over the site's future. But speculation that Mr

Broome is also looking for a buyer or partner in Alton Towers to pay for the costs incurred at Battersea looked wide of the mark, or at least premature, pending Wands-worth planners' decision.

A public exhibition of Alton's new plans for Battersea - 2 million sq ft of offices, 750,000 sq ft of exhibition space - opens in 10 days' time, with an alternative plan submitted by owners of the Business Design Centre, in Islington, which wants to turn Battersea into an exhibitioncum-museum centre for the

Norfolk calls off **Sloane Club sale**

Norfolk Capital Group, the hotels company under siege by

Mr Peter Tyrie's Baimoral International, has cancelled

the £18 million sale of London's Sloane Club after

the buyer failed to find the finance by completion date. Thomas Peterson Asso-ciates, the purchaser, had

advised Norfolk it was unable to provide the finance. The

contract for sale had been

a challenge to replace the

Dealings in the new shares 23.6p.

Fast acceleration to £8.7m

By Sam Parkhouse

four acquisitions, which are

being financed by a £20.8

Profits from the core business of developing roadside service areas increased by £2.1

million to £6.4 million in the

On the proceeds of Nor-folk's four-for-nine rights is-

sue at 190p a share the

company plans to reduce gearing from 160 per cent to about

million rights issue.

into red at interim By Martin Waller By Philip Pangalos

Profits motored in the fast the autumn Norfolk has made

lane for Norfolk House, the

petrol station developer, in the year to September, rising 42

per cent pre-tax to £8.7

Turnover advanced 84 per

cent to £92.7 million and the stations owned or operated nearly doubled to 110.

Mr Thomas Harrison, the

chairman, said the company

made significant progress to-wards being the leading devel-oper of roadside facilities for

motorists in the country. Since

unidentified bid moves

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Hoskyns was floated on the computer system on its behalf.

stock market at the end of It is a booming market

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The computer services sec-

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Interest in Hoskyns is likely

to come from a wide spread of

companies eager to get into

such a sector, as well as from

those already in it. The

circumstances point to indus-

trial combines, especially

those in kindred technologies,

such as telecomunications and

electronics, and to companies

in the United States, on the

Shares in Reject Shop, the Chairman, said high interest USM household goods retailer, fell 15p to 55p after the company revealed it had characterized one of the most. slipped into the red at the halfdifficult periods for the retail.

way stage.

After last June's warning of a "dismal" first half, the company showed a pre-tax of 1.37p previously. Despite this, the interim dividend is this, the interim dividend is weeks to October 1, compared maintained at 1.05p. Interest payments were £86,000, after time. Turnover slipped from receipts of £19,000 last time. £7.53 million to £7.49 million. Mr Anthony Hawser, man-

Reject Shop slides

aging director, said the second About 75 per cent of the drop in sales, hit by the recession in the housing marhalf, had shown a marked Analysis have downgraded ket, was down to furniture which accounted for about

full year forecasts to between £700,000 of lost profits. last year's £1.46 million. Mr Edward Aaronson, the

By Our Financial Staff

Guinness shares rose 12p to 675p after a

Paris court rejected a request to annul a

contested stake in Moet Hennessy Louis

Vuitton (LVMH) held by M Bernard

The decision is good news for Guinness and means that M Arnault

retains effective control of the drinks and

luxury goods group protecting lucrative

joint distribution agreements with the

British drinks group.

M Arnault has been supported by

Guinness, which holds 24 per cent of

Judge Philippe Grandjean, in the Paris

commercial court, yesterday rejected a request by some LVMH shareholders to

annul the 12 per cent stake bought after a 1987 warrants issue, which gave M

LVMH, throughout the long dispute.

Arnault, the LVMH chairman.

£650,000 and £750,000, after

Guinness shares rise after Paris court ruling Judge refuses to annul LVMH stake

Arnault control of the company. The to annul the warrants. But the Paris judge confirmed a decision taken by the Court of Appeal on November 2, saying that the appeal court had the authority to rule on the issue. The long and complex

case is now likely to return to the appeal LVMH said it was satisfied with the ruling, but declined further comment. The court decision was the latest development of a long-running battle between M Amault and M Henry Racamier, head of LVMH's subsidiary

Louis Vuitton. Certain LVMH shareholders, backing M Racamier, argued they had been given insufficient information about the warrants when they were issued.

Last July, the Paris commercial court ruled in favour of M Arnault and refused

appeal court said on November 2 that while the exercised warrants should not be annulled, the way the warrants had been issued was irregular.

The contested 12 per cent stake brought the total shareholding under M Arnault's control to 44 per cent of the capital and about 35 per cent of the voting rights in LVMH. M Arnault's allies among Moet-Hennessy families control a further 12 per cent of LVMH capital. According to M Arnault's aides, the chairman's position would be strong enough to manage the group even without the shares from the issue.

But M Racamier's camp says the loss of the 12 per cent stake would cut M Arnault's voting power to 30 per cent, less than a blocking minority.

Hoskyns shares rise on Expectations of Major changes in the Budget are running low

xpectations of John Major's first Budget this spring are running low. Faced with a politically embarrassing and economically high inflation rate the Government is pointing the finger at rising pay claims and double digit settlements. There is no alternative as the Prime Minister might say, indeed has said, to "quite a tough taxation policy so that we have a Budget surplus and not a deficit, and also high interest rates." This broadcast message is underlined by a diminishing Budget surplus for 1989-90 which now seems likely to be less than the £12.5 billion fore-

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cast by the Treasury two months ago. Though the prospect for cuts in personal tax is bleak, it may not be barren. There is pressure on the Treasury to find ways and means of encouraging personal saving - above and beyond raising interest rates. The City's first choice is the abolition of capital gains tax. The complexity and chore of CGT is undoubtedly a deterrent and scrapping it would assist the flagging cause of wider share ownership.

The chances of it happening are nil. Mrs Thatcher might have some sympathy with the argument, had the City itself shown zeal and determination for making investing less burdensome.

Ten years ago a committee was set up to examine London's tortuous and expensive method of settling Stock Exchange bargains and transferring ownership between sellers and buyers.

In 1980 the City set up the Powell Committee which in 1981 recommended a scheme that would do away with share certificates - the Transfer and Automated Registration of Uncertified Stock or Taurus. It rejected extending the electronic book-keeping system, Stock Exchange Pool Nominee or Sepon, which is at the heart of the Stock Exchange's own internal automated settlements system for market-makers (Talisman).

After pawing the ground for eight years, in March last year Taurus was committed to the abattoir in favour of an extension of Sepon. In October Taurus was partially reprieved as part of a bolder plan which seemed to have the support of the Stock Exchange, bank registrars (who make big money out of the present system), quoted



companies and institutional investors. It may not, however, have the support of the Government

A decade of wavering over a papershuffling system that is estimated to cost a needless £200 million a year, most of it borne by investors and quoted companies, impresses no one, least of all Mrs Thatcher. Her relationship with the City has never been better than uneasy, which makes the decision of five major banks to withdraw from the Government's student loan scheme not merely cowardly but astonishingly

Despite this muddying of the waters, some modifications in CGT might be made. Raising the maximum gains (£5,000) allowed free of CGT would help free more investors of concern with the tax. After April those who are married and contemplate remaining married can each enjoy £5,000 of tax free capital gains. Those who love their spouses of course will equalize their assets. I cannot see CGT tax rates and income tax rates diverging: the case is not strong. A better idea is to extend to individual investors the facility available through unit trusts of switching investments without liability to CGT. Tax becomes payable only when the investments are finally sold.

Focus on securities

he weakness in equity markets this week is largely the result of civil strife in Russia and rising inflation and higher interest rates elsewhere. In London there were also the distress signals of 14O lost jobs at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers and 79 County NatWest.

The securities businesses of both Citicorp and National Westminster have been so heavily undermined for months by their own mistakes and misfortunes, by rumour and by hostile

to retrench and of Citicorp to abandon its core equities business in London had an air of inevitability. Immediately the news was released, however, the spotlight - and the speculation moved to other firms which might be next to go down the same path. In these circumstances you will not find marketmakers taking dealing risks which might count against them should the music ston.

For the great majority of securities firms making markets profits, if they exist at all, are vestigial. Basically for

three reasons: i. There are too many firms making markets for the amount of business

available: Investing institutions are using their

muscle to extract the last penny from both brokers and market-makers; 3. Securities firms' costs are still far too

high. County NatWest estimates that the securities industry's losses in 1988 were £450 million. If a dividend clerk whose salary was £8,000 in 1985 is now paid more than £30,000, that is not altogether surprising.

The picture, though generally gloomy, is not totally black. The outstanding bright spot is Cazenove which has shown the wisdom of continuing to do only what you are good at doing and not being seduced - unless the partners wanted only to take their gold and leave the City for the farm - into becoming part of a conglomerate, particularly one headed by a clearing bank. On the other hand there is no quick remedy to the structural weakness of the stock market. None of the main market-makers is likely to give up the business completely. County NatWest is a prime example of retrenchment indicating a renewed commitment. The departure of small market-makers will not make much difference to the balance of power.

Each firm has to look to its own salvation but the International Stock Exchange also has a responsibility to its members to make such changes in rules and dealing systems that may legitimately improve their lot. There is no compelling evidence to suggest that the ISE would attempt anything radical. Tinkering, protected by the skirts of the Bank of England, still seems the

Training managers for industry

more at home among industrialists than among bankers, as she demonstrated last week when formally opening the Advanced Technology Centre at Warwick University.

Thatcherism has been both cruel and kind to industry, cutting a swath through the manufacturing base and restoring to management the power to

Controls have been abolished, whole industries privatized, union power curtailed, corporate and personal taxation reformed, education remodelled, training encouraged. It is a remarkable

catalogue of incentive and opportunity. But so far, with honourable exceptions, the regeneration of management in manufacturing has not been achieved.

Uniquely in Britain, the Manufacturing Systems Engineering Group at Warwick, under Professor Kumar Bhartacharyya, is training and retraining thousands of middle and senior managers, in partnership with their companies.

The courses, which pull together financial, managerial and technological disciplines, are integrated with the "students" careers. The new Advanced Technology Centre is an outstanding example of what close understanding

between companies and a university can achieve

It is clear that Mrs Thatcher is in the mood for a new initiative in training. Hitherto, government-sponsored training has been focused on the young and the unemployed.

Last week she was talking about "training in management." In an interview, she said: "We are looking much more closely at training . . . to get the best out of manufacturing industry."

If she has in mind a new approach to near vocational post-graduate education, she has the Warwick model in

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report that Mr Marvin Davis, the investor, may make a new bid for the airline group.

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inued to resist the downpull of the market, rising other 8p to 346p — a rise ne week of 14p - with the speculators convinced that Sir James Goldsmith and his associates are getting ready to make a bid.

A respectable 2 million shares were traded yesterday and RHM is now valued at £1.5 billion. Sir James and his partner, Mr Jacob Rothschild, already own almost 30 per cent of RHM via their Sunningdale consortium. This puts them in a strong position to launch an offer for the rest. Talk in the City claims that both men are holding a summit meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, this week to discuss

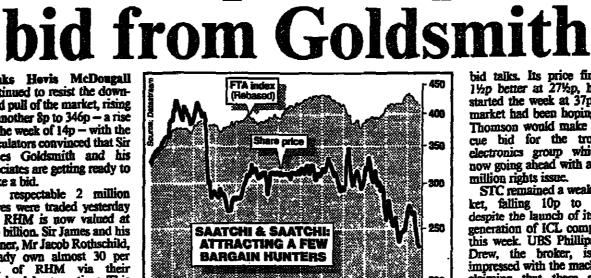
Much of their time was taken up last year by the £13 billion break-up bid for BAT Industries which lapsed after it became bogged down in the

US buying of the ADRs lifted Renters 24p to £10.43. London brokers are also buying, claiming that the Dealing 2000 system for the foreign exchanges will provide higher margins. Final figures next month are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £215 million to £275 million.

US courts. Sir James has said that he intends to renew his bid for BAT, 1p firmer at tical and believes that he is switching his attention to RHM.

The cost of financing Sunningdale's holding in RHM is believed to be costing the equivalent of 5p a share every month and doubts are growing among brokers that a break-up bid is feasible anyway. Sir James could be under pressure to make a decision before long. Meanwhile, a disappointing

set of bank lending figures the second worst ever showing a rise of £10.3 billion in December, cut short a tentative rally in the rest of the equity market. Market-makers took the initiative, marking prices sharply lower although selling remained light. The FT-SE 100 index



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before reducing the fall to 10.1 about £300 million. It is to 2,326.8 at 3 pm. The FT believed that Plessey, which index of 30 shares also lost an was taken over last year by early lead and was 3.9 points GEC and Siemens, the West lower in late trading.

Shares of Hoskyns surged

German group, has already had a number of approaches. GEC closed unchanged at 65p to 338p on the news that Plessey is thinking of selling Ferranti clawed back some its controlling interest in Britain's biggest computer serof Thursday's sharp fall which had stemmed from the devices group. Dealers think the sale will lead to a full bid for cision by Thomson-CSF, the Hoskyns, which is valued at French group, to drop out of

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Canada	573.1	1.4	29.9	2.0	16.7	7.1	18.0
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bid talks. Its price finished 11/2p better at 271/2p, having started the week at 37p. The market had been hoping that Thomson would make a rescue bid for the troubled electronics group which is now going ahead with a £187 million rights issue.

STC remained a weak market, falling 10p to 258p, despite the launch of its new generation of ICL computers this week UBS Phillips and Drew, the broker, is unimpressed with the machines, claiming that there are a number of similar makes already on sale in the US. It does not see them making any impact on STC's long-term prospects and remains a seller of the shares.

Cable and Wireless cased 5p to 545p, after 539p, after BZW, the broker, switched its adation from a buy to a hold.

Saga Group, the package

Note the strength of Bristol Evening Post, the regional newspaper publisher, which ended 55p nigher at 360p. Dealers reckon someone has been stalking the shares and has built up a holding which could be the precede to a bid. We could hear news next

tour operator, was unchanged at 294p after receiving a recommended offer of 300p a share from the controlling De Haan family, valuing the group at £54.3 million. Mr Roger De Haan is the chair-

Saatchi & Saatchi, the troubled advertising agency, rai-lied 12p to 243p. The shares fell by a similar sum on Thursday after the group confirmed that it had lost a \$70 million (£42.7 million) corporate advertising account with the Prudential Corpora tion of the US. This is just another in a series of setbacks for the group which is currently undergoing a programme of restructuring by say the sharp fall in the share price now makes it vulnerable to a bid. Much of yesterday's support for the shares came

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Compensation details at

receiving final details of the Government's £150 million compensation package, Letters, which will include a full description of the offer, are to be sent out this weekend. First payments to investors should follow next month.

Mr Nigel Hamilton of Ernst & Young, joint receiver of Barlow Clowes International and joint liquidator of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, said that hammering out the terms of compensation had been high on the list of priorities.

A letter is to be sent out Former success: Peter Clowes explaining the offer, along with a full definition of the Government's terms and a copy of the accounts. Investors will be asked to return a form assigning their rights to

Most of the 18,000 investors - those who placed less than £10,000 with the two companies - will get 90 per cent of their money back. The few who invested over



£50,000 will be paid on a sliding scale down to a minimum of 60 per cent of their investment. The payments parent company will include rolled-up interest guson Holdings. based on building society rates. Once assignment forms have been returned to Ernst & Young and Cork Gully, the accountants handling the distribution, first payments will be made. The process should

be complete by the end of February.

Action is also imminent against the intermediaries and professional advisers associated with the Barlow Clowes group during its controversial history. The Government has said it will vigorously pursue claims against third parties to help cut the cost of the £150 million payout.

Firms previously criticized for their role in the affair include Spicer & Pegler, now Spicer & Oppenheim, which dealt with the group until 1985, and Herbert Smith, the solicitors. Also criticized was Touche Ross, which replaced Spicer as auditor, and other advisers associated with the parent company, James Fer-

The joint receivers hope to recover as much as £65 million of the £119 million invested with Barlow Clowes International, so reducing the cost to the Government.

Jon Ashworth

Ex-gratia payment concession

can expect to be well satisfied with the Government's generous compensation package. But for people who invested through the salesmen of Allied Dunbar, an bonus may be on the cards.

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Allied Dunbar has said it may allow some investors to keep ex-gratia payments made by the insurance company last year to prevent particular financial hardship through loss of invested money.

been earned by investments in they had gone to court," said Barlow Clowes.

Mr Peter Emms, executive director, marketing of Allied Dunbar, said the insurance company will consider each investor's case on its merits to decide whether or not to allow the investor to keep a hard- ment compensation. ship payment.

Those "merits" include how much advice was given by the their right to compensation," A D salesman before the in- said Mr Emms. The company has paid out vestor decided to place money £100,000, which represents a in Barlow Clowes. "Some of

Most Barlow Clowes investors mixture of lost capital and the investors would have had interest which should have a better claim than others if

Mr Emms.

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Lindsay Cook tests opinion on the latest investment prospects

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last for Clowes investors Two European trusts line up for lift-off

number of investment trusts are trading at premiums of up to 18 per cent, two European trusts are ready to be lannched and some rights issues are also on the way.

Edinburgh-based Martin Currie held a series of semi-nars this week for brokers to tell them about its plans for a European trust, aimed at private investors, and expected to be launched next month.

Touche Remnant is also well advanced with its plans for a European investment trust expected to concentrate on medium and smaller companies. It will be managed by the same team that look after Touche Remnant's £75 million European unit trust.

At Martin Currie, joint managing director, Mr Joe Scott Plummer, said he could not talk to anyone other than intermediaries about the trust ahead of the prospectus next month. The company, which has £2.5 billion under management, would decide whether to proceed in the next few days, he added.

Mr Paul Manduca, vicechairman of Touche Remnant, would not comment on its plans for a new investment trust, although it is expected to start test marketing in the next two to three weeks. A European investment trust would Générale.

TR launched a high income 1989, which also included shares in the trust decided suscription shares in the pack- against taking up their rights.



Rights: Richard Carswell age. It now stands at an 11 per cent premium.

"I can see a lot of scope in Europe although you have got to be a bit cautious after all the euphoria." said Mr Manduca The tide has turned for investment trusts. In more volatile markets investors are focusing on what they are paying for."

Looking at the premiums on some trusts currently, he advised: "There are likely to be no sellers and few buyers but they can have a rights

Foreign & Colonial's be a natural for TR, which is Eurotrust had a rights issue now owned by Société last autumn. This was announced before the mini-crash in October and many private investment trust at the end of investors who hold half the



Testing: Paul Manduca The shares offered at 340p are

now trading at 388p. "It is difficult to get a rights issue away," said Mr Stephen White, manager of Eurotrust. To be successful you have to have traded for some time on premiums of 0 to 10 per cent and have institutional support to underwrite the shares. It is often a problem as the climate can change quite quickly."

Mr Richard Carswell, the marketing director of Ivory & Sime, said there was a "good likelihood" that rights issues would increasingly be used to bring premiums down. And following a successful £18 million rights issue, its Continental Assets Trust is now standing at a 4.6 per cent

out of the 10 companies are at trusts.

two the largest discount was 4 per cent. Lloyds Bank's Germany Smaller Companies Trust is at a 9 per cent premium, while Foreign & Colonial's Eurotrust is at a 7 per cent premium. In the Far East, the Edinburgh Fund Managers' Dragon Trust is at an 18 per cent premium.

Ms Lesley Renvoise of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, said there were an increasing number of companies trading consistently at par or above.

"In the current markets a number of rights issues must be under consideration to bring premiums down," Ms Renvoise pointed out. "At 5, 6, or 7 per cent premiums are reasonable because investors are paying for expertise and for access to markets that they might not otherwise be able to

enter. "Some investors do not understand that the premium means they are paying more for the underlying shares. Savings schemes have brought a lot of relatively unsophisticated investors into the market. They provide a steady demand and have an everincreasing affect on the discounts of smaller trusts."

The average trust is trading at a discount of 14 per cent to the underlying value of the shares. This is a fall of 10 per cent in the last two years. The association is conducting a survey to find out the number individual shareholders In the European sector eight that there are with investment

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New rules for Peps threaten to confuse, claim managers

rules could confuse investors the two for unit trust only and plan for the year. That has when managers are allowed to choose whether or not to give a cooling-off period, or the opportunity to cancel plans, to investors, writes Lindsay

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The Inland Revenue had originally blocked the request from plan managers to be allowed to operate on a cancellation basis, in the same way as they do for unit trusts, because investors are only allowed to hold one plan a year. Technically a cancelled

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approach so some unit trust Peps, which also invest in UK only plans will not be invested immediately while

At Fidelity, Ms Mary Blair, the marketing director, said: "It is annoying. As far as I can likely to continue operating a see, if we were to introduce cooling-off period — invest-cancellation for unit trust only ment does not take place for plans, then our brochure seven days — because other—would have to incorporate wise they would have to pro- details of both. We would have cancellation and make it clear

which plans they applied to."
Fidelity has received a numchecks to make sure correct ber of complaints and enquiries from investors who did not understand why their Peps had not been invested immediately, Ms Blair added.

There will still be a problem at the end of the financial year force on April 6. Investors are likely to rush into a plan for the 1989-90 financial year. They will have to allow more than seven days to make sure they meet the deadline for otherwise they will miss out

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Experts predict roller coaster German market

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By Lindsay Cook

More than three-quarters of 16-year-old savers with the

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year-olds had a card which is

almost 50 per cent higher than last year. While adults are

slower to take to machines,

the Halifax reports that 34 per

cent of transactions are

The annual survey shows

that pocket money has risen from £3.46 a week to £3.60

with those living in south

Wales and the West Country

The teenagers are at odds with traditional stereotypes.

Scottish teenagers find it most

embarrassing to be short of cash, while Londoners are the

most frugal. Half of the sam-

ple said they only spend when

they have to. Teenagers from the North-west are least likely to be careful with their money. In the South-east, south Wales and the West Country

pocket money is most likely to

be topped up with a part-time job, whereas Londoners were

least likely to earn more in the

About half the respondents

from the panel of 1,000 young-

sters from all backgrounds and

all regions, said they were

uncertain about whether they

will stay in the region where they live or move to find jobs.

Those living in London and

the South-east are believed to

have the best job opportu-

nities whereas only 6 per cent

of the Scottish sample rated

Of those who thought they

knew where they wanted to

move, 11 per cent of London-

ers are considering moving

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The resulting boom on the nighest percentage of cards Frankfurt stock market helped being held by youngsters in European unit trusts deliver an average 43 per cent return, Cash cards can only be held with the best from Fidelity, by youngsters 14 years and jumping by 67 per cent during older but in Northern Ireland 58 per cent of the 12 and 16-

But that does not mean the euphoria was justified, nor that investors should sell everything else and pile into West Germany. Even fund managers, normally brimming with optimism, are warning a correction is due.

Mrs Lynne Ridgeway, who runs Lloyds Bank's German Growth Trust - it turned £100 into £160 last year - said: 'There's no denying that the long term looks very healthy. But in the short term the momentum behind the market is sentiment and not

People, it seems, have been carried away and lost sight of the fundamentals that really move markets in anything other than the short term.

West German shares look expensive compared with the income they produce while, said Mrs Ridgeway, the West German boom owed a lot to enthusiasm over the possibility of a reunited Germany coming a superpower.

Eastern Europe, she warns, will see some nasty surprises



as well as pleasant ones in the gain would be greater if ster-

next few years". The more West Germany integrates with Eastern Europe, the more political turmoil will affect Vestern stock markets. denominated in hard cur-

According to Mr Greg Allen of Crown Life's unit trust arm, "in the short term the signs are events in Eastern Europe will adversely affect inflation". He expects the West German market to be no more than 10 per cent or so up during 1990.

ling continued to slide against the deutschemark. Indeed, one reason for backing West Germany in the long term is that one is buying assets

rencies. These will increase in worth for no other reason than sterling's declines. Financial advisers too are

cautious about the euphoria surrounding Germany. Mr Mark Dampier of Bristol-For a British investor, the based Whitechurch Securities, per cent.

West German funds preferring general European trusts, which give a wider spread of

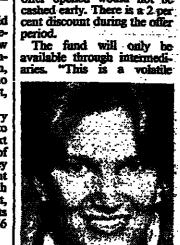
He points to the central difference between Germany and the boom markets of Japan and the Far East: "Unlike the Japanese, the West Germans are not great equity buyers. Traditionally, they prefer to buy bonds.

"As a result the stock market is small and is really run by foreign investors. If they pull out, then it plummets just as if did back in October.'

Japan has been jittery in the past fortnight but many experts regard it as being virtually crashproof. Since the Japanese invest most of their savings in shares, less than 5 per cent of Japanese shares are owned by foreigners so Tokyo finds it easy to shrug off crashes starting in New York or London.

Top chartist Mr David Fuller, who accurately pre-dicted the 1987 crash, is now gloomy about equities in general. He still expects Japan, rather than West Germany, to be the most resilient market, even in bad times.

There is little in the history of European unit trusts to suggest they will be the next supertrusts. In the last days of the great bull market, they were up an average 13 per cent over a year. But UK growth trusts were up by 30 per cent, the smaller Far East markets by 45 per cent and Japan by 66



Asia in

sights of

new trust

By Jon Ashworth

The latest in a growing band of

unit trusts to take a bet on the

risky markets of south-east

Asia has been unveiled by Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust

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is £1,000 and the initial charge 5.25 per cent.

James Capel's Tiger Index Fund, which invests in a similar spread of countries, has gained 3.5 per cent offer to offer in the two months since its launch but is still in deficit. on an offer to bid basis. Mr Custance Baker, managing director of James Capel Unit Trust Managers, said the fund had the advantage of a broad

The fund raised £10 million another £7 million since then

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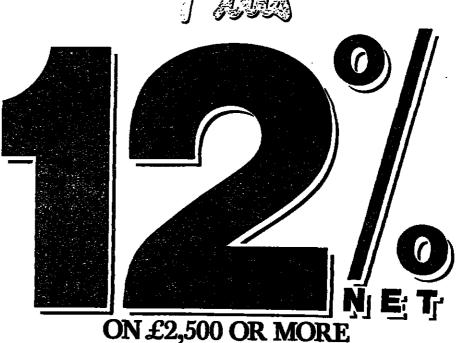
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Jon Ashworth reports on a life insurance version of timeshare

Charges dim returns on holiday property bond

are expected this year by a scheme that combines life insurance and property and throws in a holiday on top. But anyone tempted by the direct mail advertising for the Holiday Property Bond, now falling through domestic es, should take a keen note of the charges.

The bond has attracted nearly £52 million since its launch in 1983 and is proving a popular alternative to timeshare schemes for British holidaymakers. However, the investor who does not take a holiday at one of the scheme's developments could only expect about half the return he or she would get from a building society.

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Mr Colin Kniveton, who manages the bond for Isle of for the fund, more properties fees for its direct sales force; merchant bank, and mans Man Assurance, said linking it in which to invest and a wider Isle of Man Assurance would of Eurobond investments.

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to a life policy made investment in property possible. "Unit trust funds alone are not allowed to invest in property. Using a single pre-mium life policy allows us to achieve our investments and throw in some cover as an added extra," he said, adding that most of the proceeds of

marketing and promotion. "We guarantee that 18.5 per cent of the initial 25 per cent charge will be spent on marketing and advertising. The logic means more income

the initial charge went on

The charge was set at 20 per cent until January 1989 but was increased to cover the cost of extra marketing. Of the estimated £15 million invested in the Holiday Property Bond last year, as much as £3.75 million would have been taken in initial charges. Of that, £2.8 million would

choice of holidays for investors," added Mr Kniveton.

have been absorbed by editor has invested advertising. Villa Owners Man Assurance to Club of Newcastle, the promoter, would have taken £600,000 in commission and

in commission; and around £100,000, or 0.75 per cent, would have made the fee to

Mr Geoffrey Baber, managing director of Villa Owners Club, said the bond was being steadily promoted in the UK. "Timeshare is the obvious competition but the bond stands alone as an investmentbased product," he said. The property fund invests

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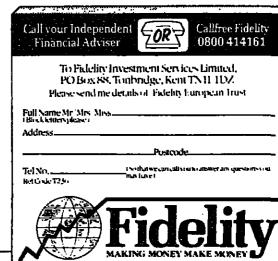
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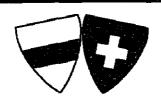
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That sinking feeling in the shade of a tree

Tall trees can affect houses

Rodney Hobson notes

how subsidence claims rise as the rainfall

average decreases

Subsidence and heave, the twin terrors of home owners are back. The drying up of soil, followed by saturation when rain does come, has produced a rise in insurance claims.

Mr Mike Auld of the Guardian Royal Exchange puts the figures in perspective. Subsidence claims normally come into GRE at the rate of 80 to 90 a month. In September to November the figure leapt to 100. And December saw 150 claims. Not all cracks proved to be subsidence but the majority certainly will be.

Royal Insurance admitted when announcing 1989 third quarter figures that it had sub-sidence claims totalling £24 million. GRE puts its figure at several millions of pounds. Stockbroker's analysts specializing in insurance expect Sun Alliance to have fared worst when final figures for 1989 are announced.

Subsidence has arisen from an abnormal rainfall pattern, with only June and October having the usual amount of rainfall in the seven months from May to November. May was driest, with 16.3mm in England and Wales, only 29 per cent of the average figure

September had half its normal downfall and July, August and November less than twothirds. The dry spell was sandwiched between downpours in April and December, when 160 per cent of normal

High on the risk list are clay. Heavily populated London and the South-east are vulnerable. So too is the Bournemouth area, where Mr Alan Harris, a consulting engineer, says the normal 25 to 30 outstanding cases has soared to 300, Gwent is another at-risk zone.

rain was recorded.

Subsidence is the most com-

foundations go down three to mon large claim that any householder is likely to face. four feet against two feet or The bill for remedial work is two foot six inches pre-1960. unlikely to be less than £6,000 However, he says knowledge and Mr Harris has handled of what causes subsidence is growing and new factors come one case of £95,000. In exhouses built on shrinkable treme cases it may be cheaper into consideration. to rebuild than to underpin.

> Insurance companies had hoped the last severe dry spell in 1976 would have shaken out most of the trouble. Older houses subject to subsidence were treated, the argument went, and newer houses were built on sounder foundations.

Foundations of houses near to trees may need to go down as much as 10 feet. House-

feet tall would affect any a

building up to 15 feet away.

holders in areas vulnerable to subsidence should be fully insured for the cost of rebuilding the house. Increasing the value of insurance in line with inflation may be insufficient, If the sum insured is, say, three-quarters of the cost of rebuilding the insurance com-pany will pay only three-quarters of the claim.

Insurance companies have a formula for working out rebuilding costs based on the total floor area of every room and the type and age of the building. Where advice is given by the insurance company - and it is well worth getting the insurer to explain the policy in detail — it is best to obtain that advice in writing to avoid a dispute later. Even where a homeowner is

fully insured, he or she is likely to be out of pocket, at least temporarily. The insured normally has to meet the first £500 of a subsidence claim. And contractors will present a monthly account as work progresses, while insurance companies prefer a total bill when they are satisfied that everything has been put right.

housing plots are sucking However, Mr Auld insists: "There is no question of insurance companies dragging houses. "As a rough guide, if a their feet. It takes time to tree is half its height away assess the situation and take from a building on clay then it remedial action. It is in the is likely to be having a wilt on sounder foundations. significant effect on the insurance company's interests Mr Harris confirms modern foundations," Mr Harris says. to pay claims quickly."

Lindsay Cook deciphers the alphabet of tax coding

Tall trees in tight suburban

moisture out of the ground,

with roots spreading under

Keeping up with the letter of the tax law

coding were sent out by the Inland Revenue this week and a further batch will be despatched in the week beginning February 12.

These give the total amount that can be earned in the next tax year starting on April 6 before tax has to be paid.

Accountants estimate that about 1 per cent of the notices are usually wrong resulting in up to 60,000 people paying too much or too little tax in the following year.

But this year with many couples having their codes changed because of independent taxation and an extra million codes being issued more could be incorrect.

If you have not notified the Inland Revenue of changes in your circumstances such as getting married or failed to fill in the tax return sent out last April then you may be issued with a lower code than you should have or receive no поtice at all.

The code, which is also sent to your employer, is expressed as three figures and a letter. The figure is an abbreviation case of a single person with no additional allowances the code would be 278, indicating that the person can earn £2,785 before he or she has to

and the less tax you pay. In addition to the basic allow-ances there are additional

than £2 a week to those who are registered blind. For many jobs there are flat rate allow-

The higher tax code you have, the more allowances you will receive and the less tax you will pay 9

ances agreed between the appropriate trade union and the Inland Revenue.

These cover the cost of replacing or maintaining tools and buying special clothing for work. Typically they work out at £40 to £60 a year and should be included in your allow-

of how much your personal allowances add up to. In the tax category. Single people or married women have the letter L. Married men and women receiving the married couple's allowance because

no further allowances would the letter H. Single parents have the code 437 and the receiving the additional permarried man's allowance of sonal allowance also have the letter H. Married men over 65 The higher the tax code, the should have the letter V and more allowances you have, single people and married single people and married women over 65 the letter P.

People with other taxable income such as widows, smaller ones such as the blind divorcees, people with pensions from previous emplo At £540 this is worth more ers or the state will have the code F. Those with a second job

who have no tax allowances left to set against the income should have the letters BR indicating that tax will be deducted at the basic rate. The letters OT also indicate

that no allowances have been given but higher rate tax may be deducted depending on income. A few lucky people have the letters NT, which means no tax is deducted whatever the pay.

If you think your code is wrong you should contact your local tax office and the mistake may be amended before April. Otherwise your employer will deduct the wrong amount of tax from your pay.

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SIB scheme faces 'conflict' critics

Labour MP for Redcar, Cleveland, has put down parliamentary questions this week querying the absence of an independent adjudicator and the payout ceiling for the Securities and Investments Board compensation scheme.

More questions are being drafted by other opposition MPs who are also concerned about the scheme

Mrs Mowlam, Labour's city spokesman, put down questions on Thursday on the running of the compensation fund and expects to receive answers next week.

The administrators of the scheme, which operates from the headquarters of the Securities and Investments Board, deny any basic design fault and say that they pay out faster than most liquidators could

However, they give a warning that investors have to be aware of the scheme's limitations and must take action to protect themselves. Most importantly this means avoiding any dealings



with firms still operating "interim" authorization from the Securities and Investments Board, as these are specifically excluded from the compensation arrangements which cover up to £48,000 of a £50,000

The main complaint about a conflict of interest came from George Foulkes, MP for whole the payments were sat-



Carrick, Cumnock and Doon isfactory. Scottish law has Valley, Strathciyde, who last week met the administrators of the scheme, Mr Eddie Ray, the chairman, and Miss Myra Kinghorn, the company sec-retary, to discuss payments of

about £55,000 to three more of the 92 investors in Greenan Investment Management of Ayr, Strathclyde. Greenan failed in April 1989 and the latest payment brought total compensation paid since then to £457,000.

"The problem with Greenan was that lots of people were claiming, but the books were a work of fiction," said Mr Ray, contrasting this situation with the earlier collapse of Allied Equity.

Thanks to a "perfect" set of books at that company, investors were paid out within 18 weeks of the failure. However, Mr Ray esti-

mated that investors would have faced a delay of a further 18 months if they had been forced to wait for a liquidator to sort out the firm rather than being paid under the scheme. Mr Foulkes said that on the

Questions in the House: Marjorle Mowlam, MP for Redcar actually made 17 of them better off than they would have been in the rest of

> Because Scots lawvers advised the scheme that 17 investors had an "enforceable gratuitous claim" on Greenan, they were paid back their original investments in full a total of £75,000 - instead of the current market value, which would have been less.

However, the lawyers turned down 25 other similar claims on the grounds that there was no evidence of an enforceable obligation, though the investors had been given mis-statements of the true value of their investments, sometimes backed up by inflated receipts.

These 25 investors are to be paid either the amount the investment fetched when sold that the scheme's rules did not or its value at the date of Greenan's failure - whichever

they said obviously they had have to make sure we are

The scheme set up by the

Securities and Investments

Board to pay compensation to victims of failed investment

businesses has come under fire over its independence from

the industry says Barbara Ellis

got to consider the interests of the members as well as

Although he considered the outcome for Greenan investors reasonably satisfactory, Mr Foulkes said he was constantly aware of a threat of conflict of interest, since the people deciding on the payments were the same as those responsible for providing the

Miss Kinghorn said she felt



that Mr Foulkes' view was due to a misinterpretation:
"It is not a conflict, it is a balance," she said, explaining

allow ex gratia payments: was more.
"I think they might have people get paid the amount thank they might have people get paid the amount than are owed — the current "It is not discretionary, considered ex gratia pay they are owed — the current ments," said Mr Foulkes, "but value of their investments. We

Poor record keeping slowed down the process, and this applied to investors as well as the firms they used. Mr Ray noted, as an example, that a small number of Greenar

claims had been rejected because although the people said they had handed the firm sometimes thousands of pounds in cash, they had no written proof. Claims were also rejected if

they related to a fall in the value of an investment. This was significant as so many Greenan customers had invested just before the October 1987 crash and were still showing losses by April 1989. Greenan customers were

able to claim the value of investments made in 1987 and still held by the firm when it failed. But claims alleging negligent advice or dealings before the compensation scheme began operating in August 1988 were turned

Next in line for compensa-



Next on the list: JGM Financial Services, of Maclure Road, Rochdale, Greater Manchester customers of JGM Financial vices was authorized for," she Services, of Rochdale, Greater explained. Manchester, the trading name of John Gerald Malone, declared in default last week after failing to meet the £1.29

million court order taken out by SIB in November. Mr Malone was a member of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, but belonged to a category which was not allowed to hold

portfolio management. However, Miss Kinghorn said that this fact would not disqualify investors from compensation cover if JGM had broken the rules and

clients' money or undertake

taken their money. "The scheme covers firms authorized for the conduct of

The scheme will be writing to JGM investors shortly asking for details of their claims, and Mr Ray estimates that



perhaps 200 to 300 valid claims will result — about half the total client list. He said there was likely to be a significant delay in settling all of these - probably at least 12 months.

'We know we have incomplete records and an individual who has clearly investment business and that confused his own assets with is what JGM Financial Ser- the business's assets - we are going to have the greatest difficulty in putting a ring fence around this," he fore-

As well as counselling investors to keep documentary proof of any investment dealings, Mr Ray strongly advised against any trade with "interim" authorized firms. Nearly two years after

applying to the self-regulatory bodies they needed to join to stay in business, these firms have not yet managed to prove their suitability for membership and so are not covered by the compensation

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The policies are written through schools participating

Musical instruments can often turn out to be particularly difficult to insure 9

in the scheme operated by Holmwood, a subsidiary of Brown Shipley.

Parents should watch for sion clauses on all such insurance. Usually, policies exclude motor cycles, cash and contact leases, as well as breakage of sports equipment. Check whether a child has to have a locker with an effective lock for insurance cover.

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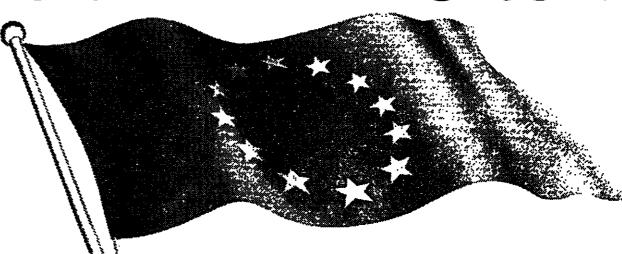
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Masical instruments can often turn out to be particularly difficult to insure. Norwich Union, through Harrison amont, will cover a vielin worth up to £1,500 for £15 a year in a flat or a ball.

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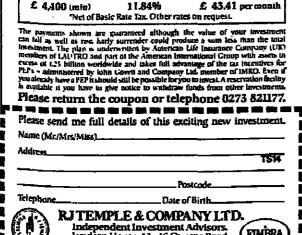
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Neil Bennett assesses the field a year after Classic cantered out

Stampede for interest follows the black horse

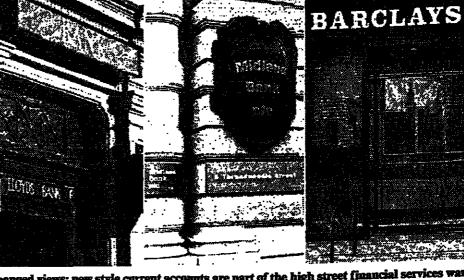
launched its interest-bearing Classic account, and threw the retail banking world into turmoil. Today 4 million bank customers have switched to the new accounts, while the defection from the traditional services continues inexorably.

The switch to interest-bearing accounts lost Britain's banks an estimated £225 million in profits last year, and will be reflected all too clearly in their year-end figures, published in March. At least it has protected their traditional business from the building societies for the time being.

The decision by Lloyds to pay interest, quickly followed the other main clearers, was inevitable. The banks were faced with the rapid rise in the popularity of the building societies' current accounts. Nationwide Anglia picked

up 700,000 customers for its

FlexAccount in the first 17 months of operation, in what the banks. Since their accounts began it has reduced the interest rate on the FlexAccount against a background of rising interest rates and has stopped advertising it. Some banks have suggested that Nationwide Anglia might decide the account is too costly to run and will close it. But it is more likely to fall into disuse as it no longer offers the best deal, It pays from 2.75 per



Changed views: new style current accounts are part of the high street financial services was

what other services the society between 5 and 7 per cent, with duce. The bank's three new can offer."

The banks know the current account is the central service around which they could base was considered a relatively their other personal finance stable market. But it has not products. What is more relished the competition from surprising is that the banks had access to interest-free funds of more than £35 billion for so long. Admittedly, they had to finance part of the costs of the retail banking network, but they were still more attractive than the cost of wholesale money.

Lloyds has been the most successful at the new accounts, to take the leap. To date 1 million of its 4.5 million cent to 5.75 per cent. A customers have switched to spokesman said: "Now the the Classic account, although initial burst is over we are 200,000 of these are new consolidating and looking at customers. The account pays

a free £100 overdraft. There is a £6 pound monthly fee on overdrawn accounts. Classic is thought to have cost £30 million since its launch, while £19 million was paid out in interest in the first six months.

While Barclays offers a similar system, and has had similar success, National Westminster is lagging behind. So far only 600,000 people have opened Current Plus accounts, out of a total of 6.5 million. The bank does not ible than others. About 1 offer the £100 buffer overdraft, and charges are a minimum of £12 for a quarter.

products that have come in for feature of the financial serthe greatest criticism in the banking world, even though at The next battle will be over an estimated £20 million, they new services, with home bankhave been the cheapest to pro- ing set to become a key issue.

products have been accused of being dear and complicated.

Vector, for example, charges £10 a month whether the account is in credit or not. While Orchard, the massmarket account, has attracted steady business, Meridian, intended for older customers, has yet to become popular.

Midland counters the criticisms by saying the accounts are not complicated if studied, and their system is more flexmillion of its 4.5 million accounts have been switched.

The new current accounts But it is the Midland's have become an established vices war in our high streets.

Banks to clamp down on identity

By Jon Ashworth

Banks and building societies identity from their cus in an attempt to clamp down on money laundering and other illegal activities. The move has annoyed cust who have grown used to a more

over the case with which accounts could be opened to negotiate stolen che

There were also fears abo he ease with which banks and building societies could used for the transfer and leposit of money linked to criminal activities such as drug trafficking.

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It said tighter meas growing use of building society cheques. There was also evi dence that criminals were

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tax bill will soon be able to choose between two property schemes using the tax advantages of Enterprise Zones.

This week, Property Enterprise Managers launched two trusts through which it aims to raise £52 million to invest in a development in Salford, Manchester. On Monday, Laser Richmount launches a £48 million scheme to allow invesbetween London, Manchester and the West Midlands.

Like Business Expansion Schemes, the projects give investors a tax-efficient way of investing in new develop-ments. The idea is that rental on the buildings will cover the cost of interest charges, leaving investors to share in any growth in the properties.

The two new Property Enterprise Trusts (PETs), ninth and tenth in the series, have purchased two office buildings in Salford's Exchange Quay development.

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For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this

week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes

(today's are on page 21).

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Companies and individuals must invest at least £5,000 in the trusts, and hold the investments for at least five years.

£172 million has been invested in properties under management. The most popular amount has been £10,000, although £45,000 is average. The trusts have a minimum yield of 6.25 per cent after . inere is fee of 7 per cent, including 2 per cent commission for intermediaries. There is an annual management fee of 0.13 per

Mr Mark Shaw, executive director of Property Enterprise Managers, said the trusts give smaller investors a way into large commercial prop-erties. "The cost of commercial buildings is usually way beyond the average investor.

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Laser Richmount has taken the idea further by giving investors a choice of three developments. Three trusts with a value of about £16 million . each have been formed to invest in commercial property in London, Manchester and Dudley in the West Midlands.

The minimum £5,000 can be spread between the trusts, which have been fully underwritten. There is a minimum net yield of 6.25 per cent.

Laser and Richmount were launched as two senarate companies, but recently merged through a joint venture between Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis, the original backers. Mr Tracy Benjamin, a director of Johnson Fry Corporate Finance, said many investors preferred to di-versify rather than placing all

their capital in one building. "This should be seen as a medium- to long-term invest-ment," he added. "It is not designed for stags."

There is an initial charge of 4 per cent, and 2 per cent commission for intermediaries. The annual management fee is 0.25 per cent.

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The tougher stand follows request from the Building Subsection Commission for more stringent checks on to screens could be opened a ing faire names and address; to

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!! spid tighter measure were necessary because of the growing use of building society cheques. There was also en sience that criminals not sving accounts as a relativity anonymous home for home sums of money.

FAMILY MONEY

Melinda Wittstock with a cautionary tale for city dwellers

Being left flat is an illegal tenant's worst nightmare

accommodation in London is a nightmare for most flathunters. Even worse, it appears that even with a proper lease, a tenant may be flung on the street if the landlord falls behind on the mortgage.

With mortgage interest rates having risen from about 9.8 per cent to 14.5 per cent in a year, many homeowners, particularly first-time buyers struggling to meet monthly mortgage repayments, have been forced by financial worries to rent out all or parts of

But the great majority of homeowners violate their mortgage agreements by rent-ing their property without telling the lender. Mortgage lenders have no legal obliga-tion to give "illegal tenants" any warning before unceremo-niously kicking them out onto the street, though most banks and building societies say they would try to take a sympa-

One tenant discovered quite by accident one year into her lease that a building society was threatening to reposses her flat. She had mistakenly opened a letter to her landlord indicating that he had fallen into arrears by more than £10,000.

"I had been paying £500 a month for a year but he hadn't used any of it to pay the mortgage," she said. "I rang the Citizens Advice Bureau,



"I think you have shown a most sympathetic attitude, young man."

because I was effectively an illegal tenant. They said I could be asked to leave within days of the building society proceeding with reposses-

The landlord finally nego-tiated an arrangement with his building society allowing the tenant to pay her rent directly to the building society to go towards his mortgage repayments and arrears.

But the tenant's worries did not stop there. "A number of lending outfits soon started banging on the front door at 8 am on weekends, but eventually they gave up and went away," she said.

"Then a letter from the local

authority arrived threatening the landlord's financial solto repossess the furniture if a vency are hardly welcomed. £1,000 bill was not paid within days. Luckily, the landlord's much-needed flat does not grandfather ended up paying often seem worth the risk.

Though tenants do not have any rights as assured tenants if a mortgage-paying landlord has not obtained permission to have tenants from the mortgage lender, it is often impossible for a tenant to find out if a landlord has a mortgage or not, let alone whether he or she is actually paying it.

Given the scarcity of good rented accommodation, most

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"The tenant should try and make every effort to find out if the landlord has a mortgage and whether or not he is likely to default," said Mr Les Burrows of Shelter. "But often that is impossible because the landlord just won't say, nor does he have to."

"Most tenants don't find out there's a problem until the bailiffs show up," said a spokesman for Barclays Bank. "It's important to talk to a

kindly to people renting out their flats without getting our permission, we will take a sympathetic attitude to those who make contact with us."

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Mr Bob Bridgeman, the manager of mortgage services at Abbey National, said the former building society would give such tenants "ample warning" of an imminent repossession before seeking a court order, a process that can take another 28 to 42 days.

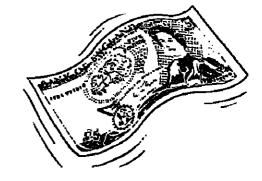
"I don't deny that it is quite a difficult situation. A tenant really has to get confirmation that the mortgage lender has she can only really rely on a homeowner's word," he said.

Building Society Association figures show that the number of homeowners having fallen into arrears rose by 20 per cent to 45,100 in the first half of 1989 compared with the second half of 1988.

Though the BSA does not yet have figures for the second half of 1989, it believes the trend is worsening. The Lab-our Party estimated last September that 380,000 meowners were behind in their mortgage payments.

Tenants are only protected under the Act if their landlords secure permission from the lender or take out mortgages after the tenant has signed a lease. If there are any problems, the tenant becomes the tenant of the building





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1990 is the year to buy a house, if the latest rash of predictions is to be believed. This may be good news for buyers, but is small comfort for sellers who must now try

even harder to close a sale. As it is, many vendors have become resigned to accepting offers well below what they originally had in mind or forfeiting a sale.

Apart from heeding your ent's advice on the as price, what can you do to speed the selling process?
"Because the supply is dramatically greater than demand and purchasers are overwhelmed with properties, the mole trick at the moment is to stand out from the rest," says Mr Trevor Kent, president of the National Associ-

ation of Estate Agents. He suggests insisting that sale details feature a colour photograph, even if this costs you up to £100 extra. It is, he said, a persuasive device that many agents are nonetheless

cutting out to save costs. Second, don't balk at displaying a "For Sale" board, especially if in a road of similar houses. It will be a signpost for the prospective

Finally, do the "kerb appeal" check. "Stand outside, look at the house as though you're a buyer," Mr Kent says.
"Does it look as if it's in tiptop condition? Is the garden tidy? Is the drive clogged with cars and a caravan? If it is, arrange to keep them round the corner! And don't let your son service his motorbike on

the doorstep.

more likelihood of a sale." Similar advice comes from Prudential Property Services in its 10-point plan designed to help vendors give their houses "homebuyer appeal."

old take-it-or-leave-it approach - unmade beds, halfdecorated rooms, dogs on sofas - can be as off-putting as pressure-selling.

• It is wise to show the best parts of your property at last as well as

"These spell neglect to many buyers, and the possibility of a big repair bill. Inside, ensure that all is clean and tidy, but not clinical - windows, kitchen and bathroom should sparkle," the Pru says. "Have a blitz on loose handles

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broadly into two sections interior and exterior. It suggests that, outside, you should service the garden gate, trim the lawn, weed the flowerbeds, paint the front door, check that the doorbell is working, and attend to rotting window-frames and gutters.

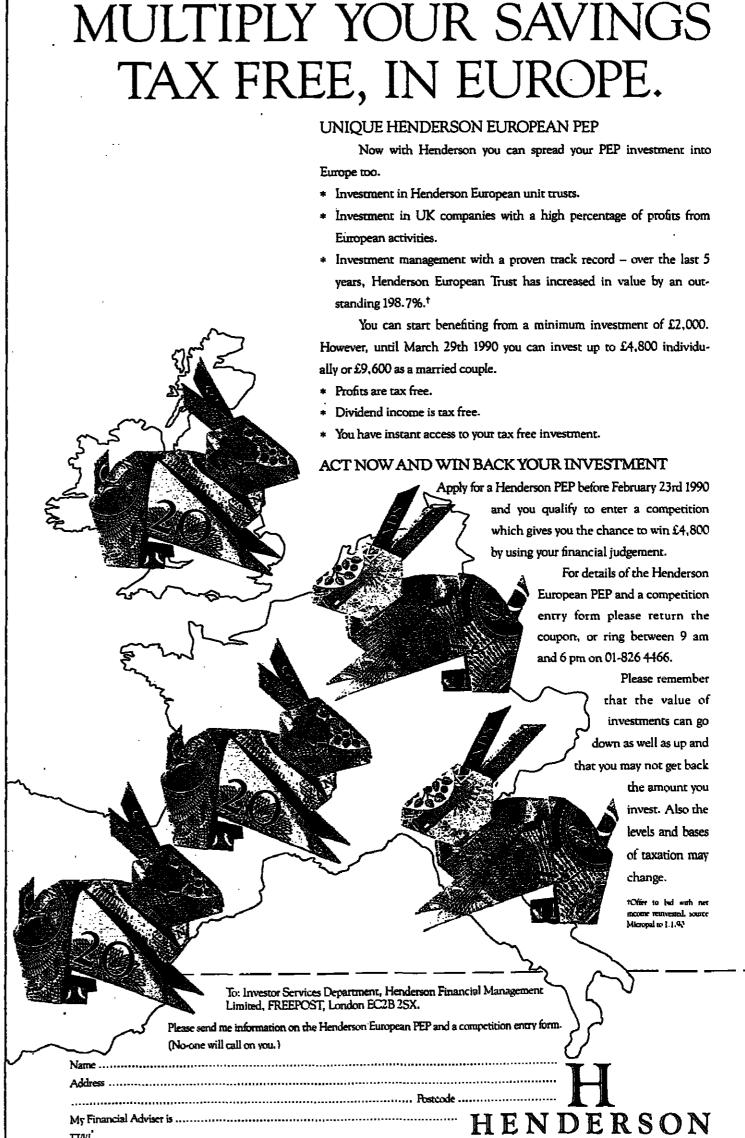
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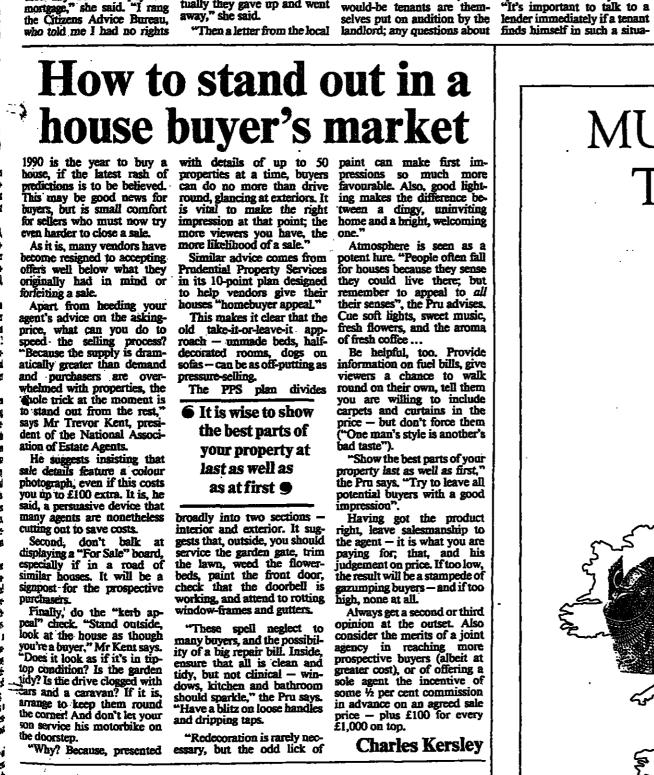
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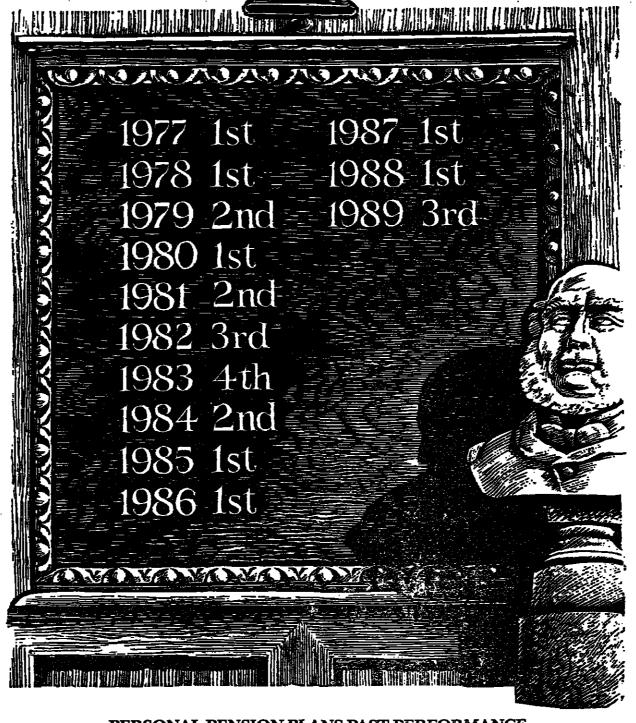
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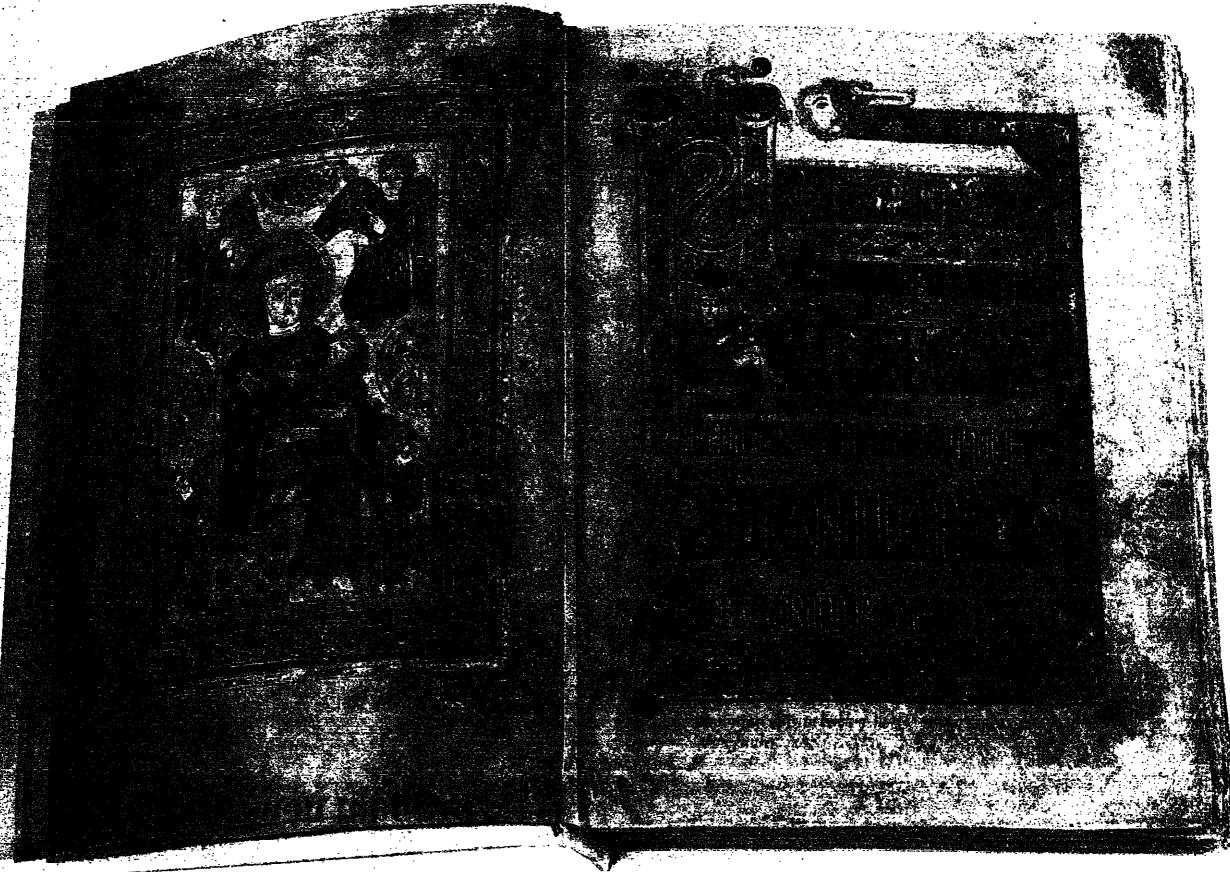
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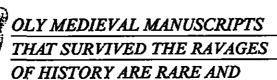
paper by the devout. Small wonder, then, that so few written texts have survived from the days before the invention of printing, when literacy was a closed book to the majority, and every book was unique and mysterious, the fruit of endless hours of arcane labour. In later periods, church manuscripts were sometimes in danger of attack from hostile sects, and of damage from hostile sects, and of damage through neglect. The wonder is that any section of the section

Today, manuscripts such as the Book of Kells, the most extraorexems in come at dinary of all these survivors, are the greatest treasures of the libraries that possess them. They are cherished and protected with all the resources science can provide. Biere Meanigin But they are still unique, and therefore still as vulnerable as ever. Even today, the risk of destruction by fire or flood is not just theoretical, as the burning of Romania's National Library and he dephone o The Equiable showed only last month. Illuminated manuscripts are so fragile that even the librarians who look after REFERENCE Walton them hesitate to turn their pages too often, for fear of aggravating the wear and tear of centuries. Ayleshuty. Buch-

So it is good news that a full facsimile edition has been made of the Book of Kells, which is generally acknowledged to be the supreme achievement of the art of the decorated book. Created by monks of the Irish Church (though probably not in Ireland), in about the year 800, when most of Europe was deep in the turnoil of the Dark Ages, it is a text of the four Gospels, richly illuminated on almost every page. At various times in its history it has been stolen, mutilated, buried, ne-

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The project is the outcome of 10 years of planning by Urs Düggelin, a Swiss publisher who specializes in fine art editions. "I have encountered many obstacles in those years, but they did not stop me from pursuing my dream." He found that Trinity College, Dublin, where the book had been kept for 300 years, was not easily

won over to sanction the project. "It is probably the best protected manuscript I have ever come across," he says. "You can imagine the excitement and emotion I felt when, after years of negotiations, I was allowed to see the

whole manuscript page by page."
Even being allowed to look through the book was an unusual privilege. "The safety of the manuscript was to us of overriding importance, and we thought long and hard before agreeing even to begin discussions," says Peter Fox, librarian of Trinity College. The college insisted that the book



Passed for press: librarian Peter Fox (left) and publisher Urs Düggelin closely check the final test print for radiance of colour reproduction

would have to remain in the library at all times, under controlled conditions of light, temperature and humidity. Only the library staff would be allowed to handle it during the long task of

photographing each page.
For a time, it seemed that the whole project might founder over the problem of photography. The common method of taking the manuscript apart to hold the pages flat for the camera, and then rebinding it afterwards, was out of the question. The brittle pigments of the illuminations could easily be chipped away from the ancient vellum pages, which ruled out the alternative of laying sheets of glass over the page to flatten them.
"When the book was examined

under magnification, it was quite frightening how cracked the pig-ments had become," Fox says. After much research, Düggelin and his team devised a system which held each page open with small suction-points.

Nearly 500 buyers have already ordered copies of the facsimile. A third are libraries, universities and similar institutions. A similar number are previous customers of the publishers, mostly from German-speaking areas, where facsimile collecting is more wide-spread than it is here. The other orders have come from private collectors, investors and specialists. In Ireland, no fewer than 50 private buyers have ordered copies, despite the price.

n Dublin the manuscripts of the four Gospels are now bound separately, and two are kept on display at any one time, with the other two in the strongroom. The pages are turned about once a month. Even the library's staff in charge of ancient manuscripts normally avoid handling the book more than they can help, so as not to subject it to undue wear.

The book has always been a secret treasure. It was never designed to be pored over, even by dedicated scholars. In fact, the experience of browsing through it in reproduction is a strange and almost hypnotic one. The fantastic intricacy of the illuminations is obsessional. Influences from Coptic scribes in the Egyptian desert and the icon-painters of Byzantium, transmitted along mysterious lines of contact to the edge of the civilized world, are challenged and almost overwhelmed by an ancient Celtic passion for mazes and abstractions.

Figures of saints and angels are frozen in hieratic poses which seem designed to separate them as fully as possible from the everyday world. Men and animals are pulled wildly out of shape and knitted together like macramé work, as if to deny the sordid limitations of flesh and blood. Tiny acrobats bend into mad contortions to form capital letters. A candystriped cat bounds across the sacred pages in pursuit of a mouse straight out of Tom and Jerry, which has apparently run off with

a Communion wafer. The snakes that Saint Patrick banished from Ireland seem to have wriggled into the margins to hide from him. Like Tom and Jerry, these

miniatures strenuously avoid being naturalistic. Many of them probably had symbolic meanings now forgotten (the snake, for instance, often symbolized resurt-

ection, because of the way it sheds its old skin to put on a new one). In other medieval books, scribes often took advantage of these double meanings to smuggle into their manuscripts wonderfully close observation of nature and of everyday life. The Kells scribes preferred to work a sort of Disney-Continued overleaf





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ou leave the Pennsylvania Station/ At a quarter past 10/ You read a magazine/ And you're in Trenton again. . .

And from Trenton, New Jersey, I went to Bucks County, Pa.

After spending 13 happy hours in Qantas comfort crossing the Pacific, I passed the next three standing behind 2,000 Japanese in the immigration queue at LA airport. On American Airlines my seat for the ensuing five hours was next to Ben (11 months), who does not like to fly and does not hesitate to let you

By the time I got to New York I felt I deserved a rest, and there is no more tranquil spot than Holicong Road, Lahaska, where two of my longest standing friends in America, Bob Russell and Bill Mandel, have a 17th-century farmhouse. Building began soon after 1673, when the Quaker William Penn was given his royal grant to Pennsylvania. In the grounds are a vast barn, now converted into an artist's studio, a milkhouse to which a greenhouse has been added for cultivating orchids and a corn crib redesigned as guest quarters. It is my habit when people are kind enough to let me stay with them to present them with a brass plaque for the guestroom, saying Grace Poole Suite, or in this case Annexe, after the lady in the west wing who gave Mr Rochester such a hard time in Jane Eyre. I occupied the Grace Poole Annexe for the weekend, nipping through the scattering of snow to the main house for meals. It owes the air of peace to its owners' shrewd move in buying up the 50 acres of farmland which surround it.

Holicong is American Indian for an underground stream which surfaces down from the house in two small lakes. Outside the diningroom window are bird tables. We shared meals with a colourful parade of chickadees, bluebirds and bright red cardinals. Any crumbs they knocked overboard were grabbed by a family of grey squirrels who gambolled about the branches of the trees in quaint Disney fashion.

A Pennsylvania delicacy is "scrapple", a savoury breakfast



mince made of little bits of otherwise inedible pig, like ears. It is extremely cheap and my hosts' predecessor in Holicong Road was once shocked when a rich Miss Biddle of Philadelphia served him scrapple for luncheon. There used to be a radio jingle which went: "Listen all you friends of mine/ Philadelphia scrapple's fine/And it only costs a dime." We ate it with a mushroom omelette. For those of you who continue to be curious about what we drank, we had a St

with the lamb on Saturday and a St Julien, Château Talbot '78 with the veal on Sunday.

There is also a ghost, I didn't see him myself but Bill Mandel and George, his Boston terrier, have seen him often. He is a vague, benign

Emilion, Canon La Gaffelière '78

presence — they think a Lenape Indian whose territory this was. Wickedly my hosts had told Gerda, who cleans for them, that their weekend visitor was an after dinner speaker from England who charges £5,000 per address. (This is not quite true.) Gerda thought about it long and hard and said: "Surely he's not going to charge you £5,000 if he's staying in the house."

IT IS nearly two years since I visited New York, and much has changed. There is a new public holiday, Martin Luther King Day. Bloomingdales has gone bankrupt, but is still open. Keith McNally, the British boy wonder caterer, has opened yet another ragingly fashionable restaurant, Lucky Strike. For gangs of kids, "wilding", or bag-snatching, is in — my guest for the theatre, Marti Stevens, just escaped the other night. She now carries a paper bag with the minimum inside. You can no longer buy The Times at the Algonquin but on 57th Street the Parker Meridien strives to remind its clientele that it

is part of a French chain. The other day a bellboy wished a departing guest, "Have a nice jour."

Most incredible there is the activity on Broadway. Rex Harrison, Stewart Granger and Glynis Johns are playing in *The Circle*, and across town in the satirical revue Forbidden Broadway Rex and Glynis are sent up in a parody of that song from Gigi.

Rex: We met at nine.
Glynis: We met at eight.
Rex: I was on time.
Glynis: No. you were late
Both: Ah yes, we remember our

Jerome Robbins' Broadway is an inspiring anthology of all his best bits of staging. The suite of dances from West Side Story is as fresh as the recent revivals of the whole work have been stale. The entire cast should come to London as soon as possible in exchange for one of our classical troupes only leaving

behind the narrator and the clumsy script he has been given. If narrated it must be, Derek Griffiths would be the perfect choice. Tommy Tune's direction of Grand Hotel is as artful as was his work for Nine, but now it emphasizes the frailties of the show rather than concealing them. There is no interval. Escape was impossible.

Larry Gelbart's book for Cuy of Angels is the funniest and most classically inventive since Forum, which he wrote with Burt Shevelove. The play is a hit but it's sad that English soft rock-inspired musicals have so lulled American audiences that they are reluctant to lean forward and listen to 359 beautifully crafted laughs. The evocative pastiche jazz score, an interesting idea, does not quite play theatrically, but Florence Klotz's witty clothes, Robin Wagner's seedy Hollywood sets and Michael Blakemore's confident direction certainly do. Annie Two, Miss Hanigan's Revenge has bitten the dust in Washington; but my host, Glen Roven (proprietor of the New York Grace Poole Suite) is workshopping his musical examina-tion of the emotional pulse of America, and Heart's Desire. It is daring, tuneful and adult; but his director did not feel that the cast was ready for a jaundiced foreign eve, so I shall have to come back later. Roven is a wit, a gossip and a diminutive eccentric. He has a kettle which is purple with a yellow lid, a green handle and a red whistle. When it boils it plays "a screaming third between C and E and makes me think the Nazis are coming down Broadway to get me".

Arthur Laruents is working on a musical of The Thin Man, Hal Prince is directing a new Kander and Ebb "Tuner", as Variety would say, based on Kiss of the Spider Woman, and Stephen Sondheim has two shows on the go. The only better news would be that he was preparing three.

SOME THINGS don't change—like Polish jokes. A Pole in a bar is watching television. He bets the bartender \$50 the man on the ledge on the eight o'clock news will not jump to his death. The bartender takes the bet and the man jumps. The bartender is ashamed to grab the Pole's money. "I saw him jump already on the six o'clock news," he confesses. "So did I," says the Pole, "I didn't think he'd do it again."

A New York friend, Tony Geis, had a wry reflection on the Berlin situation. What do you say first if you are East German — "I was never a Nazi" or "I was never a Communist"?

PS. Q: How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb. A: That's not funny!

FRANCES EDMONDS

If I were...

If I were Shirley Porter, Tesco beiress and controversial Tory leader of Westminster City Council, I would still be recovering from the humiliation of my televised apology this week. All right, I would belatedly concede, so the sale of three cemeteries in 1987 was hardly one of my more felicitous moves. But today, I would suggest, let us bury the past, perhaps in some privately-owned resting place recently purchased for 15p and now worth £5-million. Instead, I would exhort, let us "crack on" with the Herculean task of cleaning up the nation's capital.

Immediately I would contact Judge James Pickles in his holiday hideaway and suggest he take early retirement from the pressures of the judiciary. Such talents as his, I would argne, are ill-appreciated by the wishy-washy bleeding hearts who create public opinion nowadays. Next I would persuade the good judge to accept the new position of Westminster's Chief Law Administrator. Together we would then start fixing more apposite penalties for the anti-social behaviour of some of our fellow city dwellers.

First of all, throughout the entire borough of Westminster, we would make the possession of a dog a



... Lady Porter

punishable offence. Tired of the mess and health hazards created by ubiquitous doggy droppings and outraged by the expense of relentless "pooper-scooping", we would band out six-mouth custodial sentences to all those sufficiently mad to keep a dog in a town. Obviously, any female dog-owner of child-bearing age would have this sentence doubled. This would help underline the essential criminality of being a potentially pregnant woman.

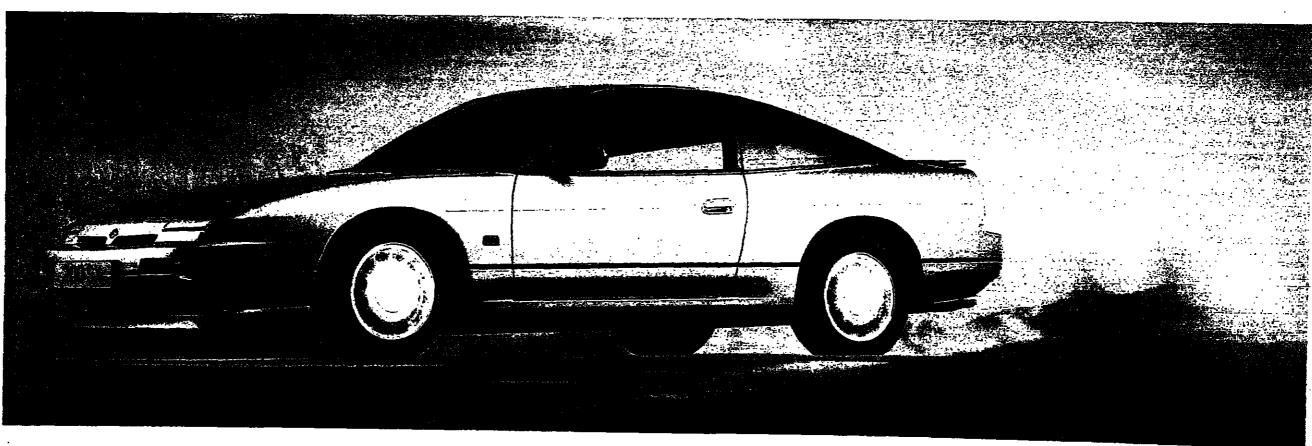
Next we would turn our attention to folk who dump their refuse anywhere, anytime, without a care for the environment. Persistent offenders would be tied to Central Electricity Generating Board ships, dragged out into the North Sea, and forced to witness the Government's own genuine litter louts at work.

razers, those dreadful people who wander the streets of London, drinking from cans and eating from cartons, would be force-fed "100 per cent pure English beef" hamburgers until they keeled over from bovine spongiform encephalopathy. And, as soon as possible, we would implement a shoot-to-kill policy to deal with the city's mindlessly destructive graffiti daubers.

After a fact-finding mission to W1, I would insist that major routes out of town are no longer used as trainee hole-digging courses. I would order gas, water, electricity, sewerage and telephone companies to coordinate their excavations in order to ensure minimum aggravation and upheaval. And I would contemplate the eternal mystery of London road repair: why, if it takes one man four days to dig a hole, does it always take 40 men one year to fill it in again?

Driving home along the Embankment. I would stare across the Thames to Lambeth, eyeing that mausoleum which once housed the now defunct Greater London Council. "If only that were in my patch," I would muse, my celebrated business sense relindled, "I'm sure I could flog it off for anything up to 50p."

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A CHILDHOOD: ANDREA NEWMAN

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a time when I felt helpless from being bullied'

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"I was amazed and delighted and couldn't understand why I hadn't been told sooner. Nobody at school seemed very impres though. It fell a bit flat when I told

As a child, while other little girls played at keeping house with their dolls. Newman turned hers into Hollywood film stars, who got married and just as frequently divorced, and for whom she would make up gossip stories and film

She was, one is not surprised to discover, a very unchildlike only child, she was probably a bit precious, a teacher's pet, bullied at three schools in succession and

very anxious to grow up. Being a child was not much fun for her and she found other children tiresome. She has had no children of her own.

Today she is a popular novelist in the sense that when her latest book, A Sense of Guilt, began its seven-part serialization on television this week, it was generally assumed that the BBC was about to garner some hefty and regular vicwing figures.

The name Andrea Newman on the front of a book jacket or a television serial automatically suggests interlocking triangular sexual and emotional relationships, involving those for whom such relationships are socially taboo.

In the Sixties there was Three Into Two Won't Go, which became film with Claire Bloom and Rod Steiger and a screenplay written by Edna O'Brien; in the Seventies came the then notorious A Bouquet of Barbed Wire, which was developed into an extremely successful television series.

Now we have A Sense of Guilt. while in March an anthology of short stories will be published, to be called, appropriately enough, Triangles.

Who is loving (or sometimes hating) whom, and how, and in what way, and why, are the stuff of



Andrea Newman and, left, as a child: "All teenagers want to leave home, but in those days it wasn't done unless you were getting married. You couldn't just go and live with someone"

It is little wonder that one of her favourite novels of all time is Nabokov's Lolita; or that, as a schoolgirl, she sent a letter of sympathy to Princess Margaret when the princess decided she must give up Group Captain Peter

"My heart aches for you," she wrote. The reply was polite and came from a lady-in-waiting. Andrea Newman is 51 and was born in Dover, Kent, just before

Townsend

the last war.

It has occurred to her recently that the comings and goings on leave of her father, who was serving in the RAF, might indirectly have influenced her later relationships with men: in that she now realizes men were perceived by her to be somewhat unreliable, perhaps almost mysterious, romantic figures - although, in her father's case, this was through no fault of his own.

"Of course, a child doesn't know that. All the child knows is that the man comes and goes, and I think perhaps there may have been a tension in the atmosphere: what if he didn't come back, or we lose the war, or he is killed. It was a risky feeling.

"If you are born into a war, or

just before, then it's a bit Orwellian in that it seems there's always

been a war.
"I can remember being surprised when it finished and surprised that we won because my team never won at school — I suppose because I was on it and was hopeless and was always the last to be chosen.'

Her parents were of that interwar generation who

wanted (and were able to achieve) much more for their daughter than they had for themselves.

Her mother had been born in Jamaica, her father in India. He problem. In fact I haven't written although she had died at home had then become a reporter with much about childhood, and never and we had said prayers around the Kent Messenger before the war, spent much of his wartime RAF career involved in aerial photography and eventually went to work for ICI in the photography department.

Her mother worked only in the war. It was not expected in those days that a wife would work, although both parents always expected their daughter to have a career. They saw the changes coming, prepared for them and welcomed them for her, but did not change themselves.

In 1940, when it became particularly noisy in Dover, the family moved to Shropshire and

later to Cheshire. Somehow, there she felt there were no roots, got an inferiority complex (jokingly referred to in the family as "Andrea's IC") and, early on, had no friends and

received much bullying.

I never told my parents, but

by Ray Connolly When she was 11,

from the child's point of view. For me it was a dislocated feeling of helplessness which I suppose the bullying brought on.

In place of friends she had her writing, a close family, and a grandmother who told tales of growing up in Jamaica. Grandmother was separated but not divorced from her husband, who would send parcels of sweet things at Christmas

Considering her home life seems to have been probably rather more placed and uneventful

novels might just possibly have its genesis in her grandmother's memories of Jamaica; along with a little help from Greek mythology and the operas of Verdi, Puccini

than most, it has also recently

occurred to her that the angst and

de-railing of relationships to be

found within the families of her

and Wagner. It was, she says, a musical house rather than a bookish

her grandmother died. "For some reason my parents the bed and I had seen the dead

body and kissed it goodnight. "I think to have seen a peaceful death at a young age and to have been unafraid of the dead person was a very valuable experience."

Throughout these years she read endlessly, at one point writing to Daphne du Maurier to say how much she had enjoyed her novel The Parasites

She replied with a lovely typewritten letter with spelling mistakes that I have to this day. Later I foolishly sent her a poem I'd written, which wasn't very good and she wrote back again tactfully telling me how I could improve

When the first Andrea Newman novel was published, Daphne du Maurier got an early copy - evidence that this young far had finally done what she had set out to do.

The apprenticeship period had begun with a novel at the age of nine. "It was called Dark Alley and was about the slums of London which I had never seen."

This was followed by a rip-off of Rebecca and then, at 11, a 78,000word saga called Four Lives. This was the story of four girls in Russia, one of whom wanted to become an actress, another a writer, a third a concert pianist and the fourth a ballering.

"I remember in the war I had collected £5 in a tin for the Red Army. I thought the Russian names were very glamorous. "The writing was good practice.

You can make a lot of mistakes in private that way. Because I was busy studying for examinations, I couldn't write regularly and would either get bored or outgrow the book before I had finished it." From 17 to 24, there were no

books. Instead, A levels (she was lop-sided clever, good at arts and languages, hopeless at maths and science), a degree at the University of London and the attentions of a boyfriend/husband were allconsuming.

The boy she married, and of whom she speaks sparingly and cautiously, was from the same neighbourhood in Cheshire. They met when she was 16. He was 19

and in retailing.

They had a happy five-year courtship and, while she was still at the all-girls' Westfield College in London, they married. She was 21 and her parents wanted them to

That was about the most rebellious thing she ever did. The early Sixties were not a rebellious time

to be growing up.
"What an easy time our parents had," she says. "My idea of a wild time was going up Kilburn High Road and spending 49s 11d on a pair of shoes. There were no drugs, hardly any alcohol, cigarettes were tolerated and that was it."

There was sex. "Oh yes, that was wonderful, a source of anxiety but tremendously wonderful."

Her years of courtship and

marriage seem now, she says, to belong to another life. "All teenage children want to leave home, but in those days it wasn't done unless you were getting married. You couldn't just go off and live with someone.

"So your pariner became your escape route from your parents. We had a very happy first five years. After university I spent 18 months in the Civil Service coding questionnaires for £8 a week.

Then I went into teaching for two and a half years in a north London grammar school. But at 24 I made up my mind that I was going to write 2,000 words a day until I had written a book.

"It took me eight weeks during a school summer holiday."

At first her husband was very supportive. But the relationship became strained with success. The sudden lump-sums of money which authors receive from time to time upset the balance of their lives. In effect, they grew apart.

"We probably married too young. When we finally separated for good, when I was 30. I had been involved with him since I was 16. That was nearly half my

They did not stay friends. Her former husband is now dead and, although she alludes freely to other relationships, she has never remarried.

When asked to name the moment at which childhood finally ended, most people interviewed for this page mention the ending of university, leaving home, or getting a job. In other words, finding out what road in life to

follow. But Andrea Newman thinks her childhood ended much earlier. She was no longer a child at 16, she says. But then she always knew exactly what road her life was to

Photograph by **Graham Wood**

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esone transfiguration on the natural world. They would rather draw a lion than a bull, because they had never seen a lion, but if they did draw a bull, they preferred to colour it green and speckle it with purple shamrocks.

It is more like jewellery than manuscript. Indeed, its makers probably thought of it as a kind of jewel, for use in church liturgy. It was a means for them to contribute their utmost effort and devotion to the glory of God. Its size and the gigantic labour and expense of its creation mark it out as an alpar book, for reading aloud on occasions of special pomp. The other furnishings of the ceremony vertinents, crosses and chalices - probably showed comle. : craftsmanship, . to dge from the few surviving examples, like the Armagh chaice and the Tara brooch. These sumptuous rituals were carried on almost in secrecy in the tiny, dark churches of the

period Its materials were almost as precious as jewels. Instead of paper, the pages were made from vellum, the thin white leather which can be prepared only from the skins of embryo or new-born calves. Research done in connection with the facsimile edition shows that the complete book must have required the skins of about 185 calves. In early Irish times, a herd of at least 1,200 cattle would have been needed to provide so many skins. In a society where cattle were the main form of wealth, a monastery rich enough to own or buy so many skins must have

been rich indeed. The pigments used were equally precious. The red dye, kermes, comes from a Mediterranean insect. Folium, a purple vegetable dye, also had to be imported. The word the draids used to wear supplied a blue dye, but the richer ultramarine blue was made from

costly at that time as gold, for the only known source was in

Puzzlingly, gold itself is not used, though it must have been available. Instead, the scribes achieved an effect almost as intense as gold leaf with a yellow compound of

arsenic called orpiment. But the scarce resource that vas expended most lavishly in the production of the book was skilled manpower. The Irish Church at that time was a missionary church. Bibles, which could be written only by hand, must have been urgently in demand for the missions which it was sending out, to venture far and wide into a Europe which had largely sunk back into paganism in the centuries while the Roman Empire was disintegrating and Ireland had been abnost the only peaceful

spot on earth. Yet Françoise Henry, one of the foremost scholars in the field, has estimated that this one book must have "absorbed the activities of perhaps a dozen elaboratelytrained scribes and illuminators for several decades".

The period of peace was already coming to an end while the book was being written. The work may have been done in the Irish missionary foundation at Iona, off the west coast of Scotland - one of the few monasteries with the resources to attempt such a task. Marauding Vikings began to attack the British Isles at about the same time. Iona soon came under threat, and the book may have been sent to Kells in Ireland, a relative backwater, for safe keeping.

Eventually the Vikings reached Ireland too, and gradually undermined its peace. The first known reference to the existence of the book is a record of its theft. In the year 1006 an unknown thief snatched it from the care of the monks, for the sake of the gold shrine it was stored in. and its jewelled cover. The

Western World, was found "buried under a sod" a month later, with its cover wrenched For another 650 years the

book remained in Kells, while the church gradually crumbled to ruin around it. When Oliver Cromwell invaded Ireland in 1654, he quartered his cavalry in the church. To protect it from the puritan iconoclasts, the governor of the town sent it to Dublin for safety, and it soon found its way to Trinity College. The college did not always value it as highly as it does today, and the book shed several pages there over the centuries. It was rebound 200 years ago, so clumsily that some of the designs were trimmed off at the edge. In 1814 the whole book disappeared for a time, though eventually it turned up again. Nowadays, they take better

care of it W. B. Yeats, in one of his finest poems, announced as he was feeling age creeping up on him that Ireland was "no country for old men". It was too full of life - birds, fish and lovers, "those dying generations" all preoccupied with birth, death and begetting, and all far too distracting. He threatened to take himself off to Byzantium, to contemplate its timeless hieratic mosaics and its "monuments of unageing intellect".

He could have found the example he was looking for much closer at hand, just off College Green. With a concentration as rigorous as that of any sage of Byzantium, and also intensely Irish, the scribes of the Book of Kells had succeeded long before in sinking their minds into "the artifice of eternity", despite the birds, fish and lovers teeming all around them - not to mention the cats, the newborn calves, and the Vikings beating at the door.

• The Book of Kells limited facsimile edition is published by Fine Art Facsimile Publishers of Switzerland, Mathofstrasse 25, Lucerne 6, Switzerland. The powdered lapis. This was as book, "the chief relic of the current price is \$14,800 (£8,950). furious discussion, it was de-

Fashion editors have a tendency to advise that one article of clothing or another is "making a comeback". They don't do this often - once or twice a week at most - but a month's worth of predictions covers most items. Since mid-December, I seem to have read about the comeback of the mini, the maxi and the midi, of platform shoes and winklepickers, of hotpants, bikinis, bowler hais and even flares. Oddly enough, the item of

clothing which really does seem to be making a comeback has not yet been granted a mention. After some time away from London, I have noticed the polo-neck on every corner. In any gathering of 10 people, at least three will be wearing polo-necks. Of course, around the beginning of the Sixties, the polo-neck was as fashionable as can be. The cast of Beyond the Fringe wore black polo-necks, and so too did the Beatles on the cover of their LP With the Beatles. Steve McQueen wore polonecks, and so did Emma Peel. Illya Kuryakin on The Man from Uncle wore one, and his sidekick might just as well have been called Napoleon Polo. Simon Dee himself wore polo necks, and he preferred to interview other polo-necked stars such as Roger Moore and Terence Stamp. Up-and-coming conductors - von Karajan, Previn, Bernstein -

in their leisure time to show that they weren't stuffy. They were worn as alibis by members of the first tie-less generation, though sometimes those alibis were not accepted. The painter Rory McEwan was escorted to the door of White's wearing a polo-neck. I myself, on a more modest level, found my position in the school debating team in jeopardy when I turned up for a debate against a local girl's school wearing a polo-neck. After

proudly wore their polo-necks

cided that I could take to the podium only if I wore a tie over my polo-neck. Alas, this proved too much for the audience, and my stardy and at times moving opposition to fox-hunting was constantly interrupted by giggles from all sides.

It was inevitable that corruptions would creep in before long. The original black poloneck was discarded for the white, drip-dry polo-neck, and then the white, drip-dry poloneck was given a gold medallion. By the early 1970s, all-



CRAIG BROWN

round family entertainers such as Val Doonican were wearing polo-necks, but now with V-neck jerseys pulled over them. The end came with two final blows: the all-in-one trompe l'oeil polo-with-Vneck, and then the bogus polo a circle of material containing only the neck and surrounding inches of a polo-neck.

The polo-neck took early retirement, and was not seen again in this country for 15 years. Those who remained loyal to the polo-neck during those dark years may be counted on the fingers of one hand, and, interestingly, a good half of them were called Des. The Earl of Cawdor, Des O'Connor, Harold Pinter and Des Wilson. I rather think that Jonathan Miller. When none of Cap'n Birdseye, too, kept the this comes to pass, remember faith, but the chunky, ahoy- one thing you read it here first.

a very different kettle of fish. During the polo-neckless years, one would see the polo-

neck on television from time to time. A British movie filmed at some time between the mid-Sixties and the mid-Seventies can be identified within seconds, simply because everyone is wearing a polo-neck; the policeman is wearing a polo-neck, the villain is wearing a polo-neck, even the news-vendor ("Read All About It! Polo-Necked Killer Strikes Again! Read All About It!") is wearing a poloneck. But if ever a contemporary actor is seen wearing a polo-neck, you can always be sure that he has something to hide: more often than not in the final reel his polo-neck will be tugged off by the hero. revealing the tell-tale screws and springs of a one-hundred-

per-cent robot.

The evolution of any fashion revival works in reverse, taking up where the old fashion left off and then working back to its original source. The polo-necks I am now spotting on the streets of London might have been worn by John Craven on John Craven's Newsround circa 1974: all-inone trompe l'oeil polo-with-Vnecks in reds, mauves and oranges, often with stripes of a different bue to accentuate the "V" and further stripes encircling the waistline, some with sporting or trade motifs emblazoned upon the left breast. But I predict that, in a few months' time, the pure white polo-neck will be seen on the streets again, worn by the trendier ends of the stodeier professions. Then, shortly before next Christmas, the original black polo-neck will make its comeback, to be worn by sullen youths, freeform jazz musicians, temperamental mime artistes and Mr

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Land of the

culture crisis



The man in the Crocodile Dundee hat winced at the sun as he glanced up to greet a stranger jogging past his

lawn in the suburban Adelaide foothills. "Good on yer, mate," he offered with a grin, before returning to his mower. In most places these days you are lucky to get a nod or a grunt of recognition.

The friendly Aussie may be a stereotype reinforced of late by Paul Hogan, but the mower's reaction was a reminder that it is not just the wildlife that makes Australia different. Life in cities like Adelaide, and even in big bad Sydney, is still gentler and simpler. But it can be a tough job convincing the locals. "Don't you think we're becoming terribly Americanized?" is a refrain directed at a former South Australian on his first trip back since leaving school here 20 years ago. Assuming they mean the hectic commercialism of the worst side of America. the answer is no.

A sombre mood seems to be afflicting many Australians after a troubled decade in which the "lucky country" took something of an economic thrashing and ended with the downfall of one of its biggest business buccaneers—Alan Bond. Gambling and sometimes losing big has always been an Australian sport, but Bond's spectacular fall, rendered more savonry by his simultaneous triumph in the Sydney-Hobart yacht race, added to the general anxiety.

As Australians rang in the Nineties around their swimming pools and barbecues, the talk was all about the new realism, the notion that the old happy-go-lucky Oz will stand or fall as an Asian trading nation and can no longer bank on its old status as favoured child of America or Europe.

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Asia, as they say, is no longer the bit you fly over on the way to Earls Court. If Australia cannot compete with its prosperous neighbours, it risks turning into a banana republic, in the words of Paul Keating, the Treasurer. The new anxiety came through in polls run by newspapers during the New

Charles Bremner revisits Australia

and wonders why
it should be so

on the defensive

about its past,
present and future

Year period. These found that more than 50 per cent of Australians thought life would become harder in the next decade, an extraordinary figure given the optimism that has reigned so long



The country spends an inordinate amount of time scrutinizing its identity, swinging from pride in

its sardonic optimism to selfconscious brooding about whether the place really matches up to the rest of the world. To judge by the reaction to Bond's long-awaited downfall, for example, you would think his worst sin was to have tarnished the image of the Australian entrepreneur abroad. That could explain why some commentators have resorted to emphasizing Bond's origins as a Pommie immigrant.

The other image — the bronzed, feisty, "no worries, mate" Aussie — has of course enjoyed spectacular promotion over the past few years thanks to Paul Hogan.

Single-handedly, "Mick" Dundee has acquainted nearly every American man, woman and child with the myth of the Australian male, the self-mocking and rather gentle macho who has no real equivalent in American folklore. His arrival gave the Americans their first intimation that Australia was not just a Wild West with kangaroos. However, it is not until they arrive as tourists that the Americans are exposed to the other side of the coin, the suburban pretensions celebrated by Dame Edna Everage and the joyous philistinism of Barry Humphries's other persona, Sir Les Patterson, Cultural Attaché.

For all the natives' talk of a new cosmopolitan culture, the country still retains much of the old-fashioned charm of Anglo-Australia, a nation hammered together from a handful of colonies only 89 years ago this month.

Coming back after 20 years away from the land where I spent my teenage years, the predominant impression is the gentle, old-world flavour. In comparison with the brash new south of England or the jam-packed littorals of America, the pace is slow and gentle. People greet strangers with a "How're you going?". Even the police conducting the random breath tests employ a cheery chattiness with their victims.

In Sydney, the country's most international city, a police inspector makes the front page with a lament about the number of pedestrians who defy the lights and jay-walk. "I'm appalled at the nerve of people who just ignore the law," Chief Inspector Modonald complained to The Sydney Morning Herald. It is all very reassuring when you arrive from a city where the police are reluctant to investigate a burglary unless someone has been shot or beaten. In Adelaide, a city still loaded

with Victorian colonial charm, they bowl on impeccable lawns in their whites and little boys sit in doorways breaking in cricket bats. There have been changes in 20 years. Several American-style high rises blot the town centre and the sprawi of little bungalows has stretched out into the dry Mount Lofty hills and down the coast. With the "White Australia" policy a distant memory, you see Indian and Asian faces in the European crowd and you can find a brightly painted Vietnamese community centre nestling next to a pub. And there is the fast-growing wine industry that means you will hear taxi drivers and gardeners discussing a Chardonnay or a Cabernet Sauvignon rather as they do in



Many old conventions survive in Adelaide as if in a time warp, sometimes rubbing shoulders with the new. There are the old-style uniforms of the private school pupils, which mean you see sixthform boys strolling around in neat little caps and the girls in old-fashioned tunics. And there are the rather stuffy old clubs. In the dining room at the Royal Adelaide Yacht Squadron, the members are reminded to wear long trousers and ties, even though they may have just come off one of the boats moored in the heat and dazzling

sunshine a few yards away. Yet it has members like Brian Davidge, an extrovert manager of the Jam Factory, a handicrafts centre. It is hard to imagine what the elders of the Yacht Squadron make of the ring in Davidge's left ear. He says they did convey to him their anxiety over the name he gave to his boat - "Bloody Mary" - in honour of his ex-wife. She was not amused, he recalls, when the committee barred her from the room when it interviewed him. For all the new cappuccino and croissant culture and the efforts of Germaine Greer, Australia remains pretty much a

man's country. At the Melbourne Cup, for example, women are still forbidden to cross a white line laid down on the ground in the members' enclosure.

The sense of other-worldliness is one of the most striking aspects of life Down Under. It is all the more remarkable given the way that satellites and computer links now bring in the days' news from the northern hemisphere and cut the old time lag that used to delay fashions and other trends.

going to bed before America and Europe is starting the day. Things just seem farther away. That could explain why the local television chose to inform viewers that two local aquarium dolphins had "met their destiny" at the hands of the vet — been put down as suspected TB carriers — before

or the flight of General Noriega.

The sheer emptiness of the land and its remoteness from the newsproducing northern world preserves the Australian mystique,

getting on to the war in Romania

the flavour that entices outsiders. But it also helps to maintain what Australians have taken to calling the "cultural cringe". This is the reflex sense of inferiority that drives them to measure themselves constantly against the outside world, that supposedly great source of taste, trends, culture and knowledge, known collectively as

You hear it everywhere: "Have a chocolate biscuit, they're all from overseas," the old family friend says. "Jim's done really well and bought a manor house overseas," an admiring relative notes. The antidote to the cringe is a self-conscious affection for Culture, as witnessed particularly in Adelaide, a city which features a biennial festival and calls itself the "Athens of the South". Where else would they announce on the main television news that Luciano Pavarotti has consented to sing in 1991 in an event known as "Opera in the Outback"?

The defensiveness over culture — quite unnecessary given the world reputation of the local film industry, painters and writers — extends often to some hefty gov-

ernment interference. The conservative Liberal coalition vowed just before Christmas that it would knock the soap operas off the state television service once it got back in office. The much-ridiculed bar hugely successful Neighbours, fans will be interested to know, will be spared the fate since it is produced by a commercial station. Occasionally, however, the high cultural profile comes a cropper. In late December, in an episode worthy of Les Patterson, a Sydney ballet company launched a new publicity slogan that reached a little too far in trying for a balletic pun in French. "Past d'Excellence", the slogan proclaimed until the French embassy gently pointed out the unintended

Anyway, one wonders, who needs all that respect for European culture? In a world that is contracting by the day, where global anxieties are supplanting political ones, Australia offers scarce commodities — distance, natural resources and, above all, space. That is why the less anxious of the local worrying classes recognize that Australia's century probably has not even begun yet.

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ORANIO MARCIENY

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TOMORROW.

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Nigel Andrew continues his tour of Britain's top tourist attractions with a visit to the vividly theatrical Tower of London

Blood and showmanship

visit to the Tower of London is an essential initiation rite for native and foreigner alike. The buildings are an extraordinary survival in the heart of a ravaged city like London - a grand, largely-intact early medieval castle. But the buildings are not the point the Tower is pure theatre, even pantomime. It presents, packaged and con-centrated, a vivid, highly stylized version of English history - an English history to engage the emotions and stir the blood. At the Tower they have been doing it for centuries, and they do it with

First they give you history to make your flesh creep - the grizzly catalogue of torture, execution and murder, from the Princes in the Tower to Henry VI, Anne Boleyn, Lady Jane Grey, the Earl of Essex, Guy Fawkes, Lord Lovat, and hundreds and thousands of others done to death here or on Tower Hill nearby. But then they give you history as one long, colourful pageant, continuous and comforting, expressed in the pomp of state and in curious, time-honoured ceremonial. The latter defuses and safely distances the former, and both releaste history to the role of public

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DOPARTY.

They will tell you about Ru-dolph Hess's brief imprisonment in the Tower, but they won't mention the spies who were shot by firing squads here in both World Wars. History as quaint continuity is

embodied in the persons of the Yeoman Warders (or Beefeaters) who enliven the Tower precincts with their undressed uniform, some of them incongruously chutching walkie-talkies. Their blue and scarlet livery, like the splendid red and gold full-dress version, looks Tudor at the latest, but in fact, like so much of "olde England" it was a Victorian

The Yeoman Warders, for all their ceremonial function, are there for two routine purposes: to pose for photographs with mem-bers of the vast tourist army which daily invades the Tower (there is really no quiet season here) and to act as guides. I latched on to a group led by a Yeoman Warder with a ramnod-straight back, a grizzled beard and a particularly strong pair of lungs. This, I was soon to discover, was not his only distinction: the man was an artist, a stand-up patter-merchant whose act has been burnished to a rare perfection. If he hasn't got an Equity card, he should certainly

As we stood by Tower Green,



Guiding lights: the Yeoman Warders enliven the Tower precincts with their splendid livery, but are there principally to pose for photographs and to direct the attention of the tourists

up, he passed the time of day with a lady in the front row. "Where are you from, madam?". "The antipo-des!" "How does it feel to be standing the right way up?" His observations on various Australian soap operas followed. Then he directed our attention to the White Tower, the great Norman keep with its quaintly capped turrets - the very image of London on a million souvenirs across the world. Having reeled off an impressively brisk string of facts, he told us that "on the top is the finest flag in the world". Sure enough, every neck craned. "What are you looking up for?" the Beefeater barked in jocular indignation. "Don't you know which is the finest flag in the world?" Apologetic laughter.

Tower Green is one of London's most surprising open spaces, more like a cathedral precinct than a castle ward, with its brick and halftimbered houses built against the massive walls. But guards wearing "changing" periodically with a great roaring and stamping of boots. They are there, our ir-repressible guide assured us, as protection against double-glazing salesmen and Avon ladies. We gravitated to the site of the private scaffold where the better class of execution was carried out, including (in our guide's words) "Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, alias

Soon we were filing obediently into the Chapel Royal of St Peter, plain perpendicular building with some wonderful monuments. Here our Yeoman guide, relishing a fully captive audience, really came into his own, regaling us with blood-curdling tales of how Anne Boleyn's executioner "completely severed her head from her little neck", how Margaret Pole was "literally hacked to death", how "in 1554 the blade was to bite into the slender neck of another young girl" (Lady Jane Grey). All this was leavened with humorous "Phew! how does he

remember all those names?" "Sheer brilliance, madam" - and culminated in his parting thought for the day: "A smile is a curve that makes everything straight." Putty in his hands by now, we all filed out, offering effusive thanks and handsome tips.

ur guide had warned us

about pickpockets, and inforced by frequent notices. They also warn of the beak power of the ravens, traditional guardians of the Tower. An artificially main-tained population, they hop and lurch about the grounds, croaking horribly and striking up unwelcome intimacies. Other notices are discreet and just informative enough: in fact the standard of interpretation and display throughout the Tower is really

What is lacking, in the midst of

presence of such exquisitely preserved, restored and manicured remains, is any immediate sense of the flesh and blood history that lived here, the human lives constrained and ended in this grim fortress. It only occasionally peeps through - in the painstaking, defiant or pathetic carvings left by prisoners on the ancient stone walls, or in the sudden awesome surprise of St John's Chapel in the White Tower, a Norman interior of radiant purity. Otherwise the Tower of London today has the inert feel of a stage set, magnifi-

Leaving aside the obvious attractions — the Crown jewels, the torture instruments, the astonishing collections in the Royal Armouries (where Henry VIII's giant codpiece still incites comment) - what remains in my mind is a fascinating little display in the bowels of the White Tower (where so many poor souls were once tortured).

cent but dead.

Tower's history as an exhibition. It shows the Spanish Armoury, a once popular display of weapons and fearsome torture instruments. supposedly plundered from the Armada, but which in fact weren't; a case of Victorian fakes bought and exhibited as genuine in the last century; and various wooden effigies surviving from the "Line of Kings", a life-size parade of the monarchs which was begun in the 1680s as a kind of 17th-century

All this is a useful reminder both that history is what we say it is, and that the Tower of London pantomime has been running for three centuries already. It will surely continue to do so for as long as English history remains such a triumphantly saleable commodity.

Madame Tussaud's.

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Judy Froshaug

MUSEUMS

But is the Tower to lose one of its top draws? Simon Tait reports

In arms against a

he great debate about admission charges for the national museums and galleries brings a wry smile to the face of the Master of the Armouries, Guy Wilson. The Armouries is the other

najor magnet at the Tower of London, after the Crown jewels. But it is possible that they will have to close, and Wilson will have to use all his ces to preserve the world's best collection of anicient annour and weaponry. So hold moves, which could mean part of the Armouries will move out of London and even out of Britain, are being urgently considered. There is a charge to get into the Tower of London, but

none of that money goes to the Armouries, and it would be wrong of course, to charge people again to get into another part of the complex. The Armouries - the National Museum of Arms and Armour — has the same problems as the other naionals: cramped space, small budgets and pay rises eating into what money there is.

Whether charging is the right or wrong way to raise tarte funds, the chance, for (Wilson and his board of trustees, would be a fine thing. All they have is the £3.4million grant from the Department of the Environment. And more arms and armour than they know what to do with only 32 per cent of the collections are on show, including objects on loan elsewhere,

There are things we must do, things we'd like to do and things we can do, and the situation now and for the past few years is that we haven't been able to do the things we must do - preserving, adding to the collections, displaying them adequately and making them available for study and research," Wilson says.

We hope to avoid a financial crisis, but if there is one twe will have to think of priorities. It's most important to preserve the kernel of the collections, not just the ob-



Armour fit for an elephant: Guy Wilson with a prized exhibit

preserving them - the Henry VIII. armourers' techniques.

afford to give us more money to keep the museum open then we will have to shut." Wilson has already warned employees

a collection which has been renowned since the Middle

In 1489 a German gentleman. Wilwot von Schaumberg, asked to see the famous working arsenal and was given a tour, and in the 1580s the

jects but the expertise of see the historic weapons of

On Charles II's restoration "It's more important than in 1660 the Armouries were opening the place to the opened to a paying public for public, and if society cannot the first time, with the main attraction being the "Line of Kings", dummies representing the "good" kings of Eng-land - William the Conqueror that there may have to be staff but not William Rufus wearing armour and mounted What is at stake is access to on wooden horses. The Spanish Armoury, containing the weapons and instruments of torture taken from the Ar-

Last year an 18th and 19thcentury armoury was opened in the Tower, and Fort Nelfirst visitors were admitted to son, a battery on the south

mada, was added a few years

seum of artillery, but much bolder measures are planned to give the Armouries its much needed new lease of life.

On Thursday the trustees will decide whether or not to commission a feasibility study on shifting part of the collection to Sheffield. The Sheffield Development Corporation (SDC) is charged

elopment in the Don Valley pext to the Mi. It has offered £2 million to help relocate some of the collection to 50,000 sqft in this development. If the trustees agree, there will be £10-£15 million of private money to

"It would be good for us for a host of reasons, and we think we would have a lot to offer," says Hugh Sykes, chairman of the SDC. "This is the centre of steel, and you couldn't think of a more appropriate city in the United Kingdom for the Armouries, There are 20 million people within a two-hour drive of the valley. Having the Armouries here would help people to take a pride in the place.

Much more controversial is the American venture. The art commission of the city of Boston, Massachusetts, has offered 30,000 sqft of permanent exhibition space in a shopping complex, which would bring in money with an admission charge, and would advertise the Tower collections.

To make this scheme work. however, the best pieces would have to go: Henry VIII's armour, perhaps, and the elephant armour which Clive brought back from India in the 1750s. But there are four sets of Henry's armour, and the Boston exhibition would rotate

"It's all slightly bewildering, but very exciting," Wilson says, "When the ideas came up I thought it would have to be one or the other, but why

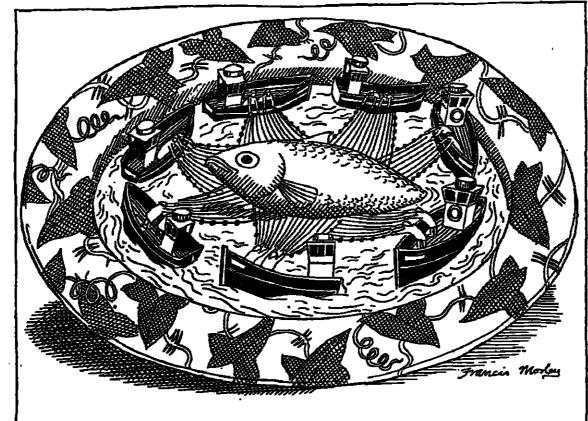


Jonathan Meades samples the work of a chef who follows, perhaps too precisely, in the footsteps of his master

t's about 130 miles from Corfe Castle to the southern end of Wandsworth Common. It is, however, only a mile and a half from Wandsworth Town to the southern end of Wandsworth

Last August I wrote about a joint in Corfe Castle whose chef had previously been employed as a souschef by Marco White at the ever more starry Harvey's on Wandsworth Common. I suggested that this young chef was "still a bit in thrall to his former employer, but that does not mask his determination to become his own man. Still ... I'd aver that he's better when he apes White than when he tries to go it alone". This young chef has now abandoned the Isle of Purbeck and all that appalling fresh air and come back to the Smoke. He has also, apparently, abandoned for the minute any determination to become his own man in favour of paying perpetual homage to White. It would, perhaps, have been understandable had he elected to realize this specialized ambition in Maida Vale or Islington, both of which could do with a serious restaurant, but this young man has placed himself in the physical as well as gastronomic proximity of White. It strikes me as very rum, But White, who is, shall we say, not immune to flattery, seems delighted; and the young chef's employer seems delighted; and the punters of south London seem delighted. Me, I'm less easily delighted. The attraction of a restaurant which serves off-White or Whiteish cooking for little more than half of White's prices is easy enough to fathom. And White has his reputation sewn up, so he need not worry about the clone on the doorstep. But so far as I'm concerned, the cooking of the young chef, Tim Hughes, opens a can of worms. Influence is one thing, copyism is another, and plagiarism a third. Quite where Mr Hughes should be placed on this scale of devotion is unclear.

It is not as if the dishes that Mr Hughes is cooking belong to the common store. Neither he nor, necessarily, White deals in the currency of tradition. Obviously there would be nothing particularly remarkable about yet another joint serving steak and chips or fish soup with rouille or gravadlax with mustard sauce. The dishes that Mr Hughes has put on the menu at Snaffles (named after the cartoonist, but still a name to make you cringe) are, or were, specific to Harvey's. Now the cult of originality in cooking certainly went too far in the late Seventies and early Eighties, but this dogged unoriginality is equally nonplussing even if it does produce far better results. Mr Hughes is a parrot who has learned a good tune - but how



CULLEN SKINK

A paler shade of White

long can he bear to go on playing it? Maybe he is like one of those ancients who cooked the same dishes every day throughout their

Anyway, this cooking by rote is pleasing - even if you have eaten at Harvey's. It is not the sort of food that one could eat every day. Lightness is not among the more evident attributes of White's cooking; and it's entirely absent in Hughes's. Where he unwittingly (I think) diverges from his master is in his failure to relieve the intensity and sweetness of sauces. Very rich foie gras, for instance, is served with an over-sweet sauce, lentils and button onions. This is the sort of dish that Steven Berkoff could play - heavy, ultra-violent, unyielding. And there are more like it. If the

portions were amuse-gueule size, one might feel less comprehensively mugged. But the combination of generous quantities and sledgenammer flavours is defeating. On the other hand, there is an absolutely undeniable big-heartedness about the operation. The largest sweetbread I've ever seen - about

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two-thirds of the size of a videocassette - was served with a syrupy Sauternes sauce. Warm oysters are topped with caviare and cucumber and served in their shells on top of a predominantly salmon mousse. Underdone (i.e., nearly raw) pigeon is done with a very potent elder-berry sauce and Swiss chard in cream. Lobster raviolis (wonderful pasta) are rather redundantly topped with fried, shredded leek and done with a shellfish sauce that is - astonishingly - a mere bantam-weight. That dish and a splendid lemon tart were the only ones which suggested that Hughes had spared a thought for his punters' digestions. The other sweet was a hiscuit place composed of (or tasting of) little but

Perhaps I've got it wrong. Perhaps

Hughes is not so much a copyist of White as a parodist, a caricaturist. Whatever the niceties of that one, the dining room owes nothing to Harvey's. It is firmly within the suburban tradition of the late-Eighties - swags, hunting prints, floral displays, and so on. Its most attractive bit is the corridor between the bar at the front and the diningroom. This is bargain basement Piranesi, with bottles banged up behind bars, bags of gloom and raw brickwork. The wine list needs a thorough overhaul. There's an acceptable South Australian Pinot Noir, a lot from Bordeaux, very little from the Rhône. The set dinner at £21 is pretty good value; the place was crowded on a Monday night two weeks after Christmas the worst night of the week at the worst time of the year for restaurateurs. Word has got around. £65.

he cooking at 7 Pond Street in Hampstead is much less ambitious than that at Snaffles (I can hardly bear to type that word). But it is also gentler, it hasn't been pumping iron. The premises used to be occupied by some sort of fondue-cave: the dining room is in the basement and is undemon-stratively comfortable. There are banquettes, an 18th-century French wardrobe (why?), a stand-up piano (again, why?), prints on the walls. The service is matey, good natured. The night I dined, the place was full of carousing doctors from the Royal Free Hospital across the road.

The chef-proprietor was formerly at a place in Finchley Road called Quincy's. The style of the menu, if not of the establishment, is fairly similar. Cullen is a treeless fishing town in Morayshire which has given its name to a smoked haddock and potato soup called Cullen Skink. The version here is really good and is also served very hot - it is bewilderingly rare to encounter hot food nowadays. So top marks for flavour and temperature. The other first course, a carrot and coriander mousse with a butter sauce was also good gear. That was followed by lamb in pastry. Frankly, this is nearly always a dog either the pastry's soggy and the lamb raw, or the meat's grey, or . . . well, perm your own combination of shortcomings. This wasn't a big dog, mind, more a cocker spaniel. I had veal with noodles and a perfectly judged meat sauce.

The vegetables are dreary - side plates of red cabbage, boiled po-tatoes and so on. And the sweets are nothing to beat on about - a plate of sorbets included one which tasted as though it had been made from an unpleasantly over-ripe pear. There are quite a few half bottles on offer and the wine list is generally well thought-out £60.

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandellers. Prices are for a three-course meal for are for a three-course meal for Chewton Glen two. They include an aperitif New Milton (0425 275341) ★★★★★★★ and modest wine in the case of French places, tas in the case of criental ones and so on.

Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Turner's
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Flashy customers, accomplished French cooking, stingy portions, and a chef-petron who spends most of his time in his immaculate whites greating his customers. Successfully elaborate sweets.

One Sixteen 116 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-823 9983) ***

安文東京東京 Good, rather eclectic cooking by a talented technician. When the chell/proprietor, lan McAndrew, keeps things simple the goods are happily delivered: tamb with rosemary sauce is, for instance, examplary. Average 290 for two for dinner, but half that for lunch.

Ménage à Trois 15 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (01-589 4252/584 9350)

One of the most fashionable One of the most fashionable restaurants of the sarty Eighties, when its gimmick was to serve only starters and puds. It now does more than that but is still wildly eclectic. The dishes are well intentioned and often ill executed. The wine list is among the best in Extent 625-695.

HAMPSHIRE

Montagu Arms Palace Lane, Besulieu (0590 612324)

This is a good hotel with a highly promising restaurant that eschews the Tourist Board Englishry which such places tend to go in for. John Mann's cooking is polished, and in the case of his fish dishes really accepted to among with deficate precise of ras har users teams excellent salmon with delicate pasta, smoked salmon and crab tart. Vegetables are often inspired and the sweets are nice. However, poutry dishes are less impressive. Fine selection of wines including namerous half bottles. Good network and user informed appropriate the code well informed appropriate the code well informed appropriate. natured and well informed service.

Westover Hall Park Lane, Milford on Sea, Lymington (0590 43044) ★★★

An agreeable oddity: a south coast hotel (the view across the Solent to the Needles is wonderful) which is both efficient and unpretentious. More European than English. The cooking is, within its limitations, considered and expertly carried off

This is the lucury hotel. The service is astonishing; there is always someone on hand, everyone is amable, the place works like a well-ciled machine. Yet he is nothing impersonal about it. The cooking is known hotel stuff but done with a fair and talent that is rare; scallops with shredded mangatouts and butter sauce; raviolis of femnet; miliafaulille of salmon and spinach; sweetbreads samon and spaces; marvellously with vinegar sauce; marvellously kept cheeses; terrific puddings. The wines are not overprised and there are numerous good bottles for eround £12. At dinner two will pay about £90, funch is less.

14 Old Compton Street, London W1 (01-434 3544) ***

Thei cooking done with European flair — and all the better for it. The restaurant is long, narrow, noisy and rather effortiutly decorated. The cooking, with the exception of basic staples, is impressive — tempure of vegetables, fine fish tempura of vegetables, fine fish cakes, marvelicus "red" curry. 250-

The Blue Elephant 4 Fulham Broadway, London SW6 (01-385 6595) ****

Marvellous grilled scallops, 3sh cakes and satay; good lamb with ginger and gards, and beef with chill and baby subergines.

Expensive wines: 280.

21a Frith Street, London W1 (01-437 8504) ****

Charmless and gloomy, but commendable because the cooking of standard issue dishes is sound and because the manu goes way beyond the usual reperiore into trotter dishes and offsi dishes. The, green curry is probably the finest in London. Without wine: £42.

42 Rupert Street, London WI (01-287 6333)

Elegant cremises, variable cooking.
Chicken in pandam leaves is worth investigation and so is the prawn soup. Better give a miss to the greasily battered deep-fried veg and the indifferent satay. Service rather cheeping and wary story. rather chaotic and very slow. £34.

22 St Christopher's Place. London W1 (01-486 0777) ***

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CAMPUS

Rebels with a cause

Alan Fidler asks

why students should consider

abandoning demonstrations as a form of protest

when they have as much to fight

for as ever owever comfortable and peaceful the scrutiny and review. Demon-1990s may turn out to be, I hope that to a change of policy, but they students will not abandon the protest march as an expression of discontent and a means of agitation. In this

device (December 22). It is to be hoped that he is not prophesying the future. After ushering out a year of great moment with hopes of a academe, and higher edunew world of harmony built cation "for all able to benefit" around a "common European home", I for one am a little. apprehensive.

column recently, Stephen Silk

made a case for economic

pressure as a more effective

A child of the Cold War, I entered Birmingham University in 1975 at the age of 26. My choice of degree, Russian studies, was fired by no economic motive: as a student I enjoyed three enlightening years at the expense of the. taxpayer (myself included). Now aged 40, my life begins (again) and gives cause for

The politicians who will rule in the new era matured in period of peace enforced by mutual terror. Will my daughters be better served by this new generation of political leaders which must cope with the re-emergence of a volatile European family of nations, no longer subservient to "Superpower Uncles" (Sam, Joe, or whoever)?

We must hope that the new leaders will remember their victories as students in the Sixties, and the motivation for the protests. However, they will probably need to be reminded of their past rebelliousness, and if today's students don't do this, then who

The health of a society can be measured by the extent to 9, 1989.



which values are subject to

strations may only rarely lead

The students of 1949 wore

tweed and, with a few excep-

tions, were children of the

upper and middle classes.

University was a diversion on

the way to the top after leaving

the better public schools. In

the Post-Robbins 1960s, hoi

Caftans replaced tweeds,

and the permissive Sixties

rolled on. Protesting and get-

ting your head together were

apparently more important

than actual study. In reality

the vast majority carried on

was to be available.

of concern.





graduating into comfortable conformity, with only a vague

he Seventies brought introspection, and the fashion of "me" emerged in the Thatcher Eighties. In 1989, clad in designer clothes and intended for those without Barbour jacket, the student programmed a Filofax to ensure that no problems would frustrate the quest for that coveted job in the City. And yet the student of today is less privileged and materially provided for by the State than at

Legislative change has transformed society in the 1980s and the last bastion to

any time since 1960.

recollection of the time when

values were at least chal-

lenged, if rarely overturned.

Competition reminder

The closing date for entries for the Campus Critic competition is January 31. The first prize, a computer system worth £4,000, will be awarded to the writer of the best review of a performance held between December 16 and January 13. Television, film, theatre, radio, and music performances are eligible for review.

The first prize is the Zenith SupersPORT 286 portable computer plus an Epson LQ400 printer. Second prize is a Zenith Z-159 personal computer plus Epson LX400 printer. Third prize is a Pilot FJ1000 fountain pen. There are additional prizes of Collins CD records and 10 runners-up prizes.

Entries should not be longer than 600 words, and should include details of where and when the performance took place or was broadcast. Writers must be under the age of 25, and entries should be sent to The Times, Campus Critic (Comp), PO Box 486, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Please and the meaning of quis include your name, home address and college address, telephone number and age.

• Full list of prizes and rules, The Times, December المكذا من ألاصل

be challenged by this Government is that alleged cosy conspiracy of the social-liberal establishment - the universities. Students are to be made to realize the value of their education by paying for it themselves, with loans to replace grants and the benefits of a social security system

adequate means of support. Why are they not protesting against the withdrawal of an ideal — free education for all at every level? The answers are perhaps manifold. Even their Organizations, student unions; at national and local levels are under threat as alleged "closed shops". If students lose the will to protest there is indeed cause for concern. As someone who never went on a single demonstration and has been associated more with the Establishment than the world of "free-thinkers", I am not a encouraged by the current

quiescence. The Prince of Wales pleaded recently for a restoration of former orthodoxies in our language and literature Future generations may come to regret the permanent loss of questioning and nonconforming student body. A common chord can perhaps

be struck on these two issues. The past 40 years have witnessed the decline of classical languages and of their influence on higher education. While making no plea for a return to the narrow elitisms of the pre-war system, we must regret the passing of a time when students could comprehend the common language of our European home

• Alan Fidler is general manager of Newcastle University's

would never write

about marmalade

again in this column. The first

time I wrote about it, just as the

Seville oranges were coming into

the shops, I was taken aback by the

amount of passion in the corres-

pondence provoked by my com-

ments and recipes. Never mind, I

thought, next year I won't get

caught like this. When the follow-

ing January rolled around, I gave

an expert's recipe, that of Alan Davidson, the food scholar and

historian currently working on the

Oxford Companion to Food, who

has been making marmalade to the satisfaction of himself and his

family for more than 40 years. But

still the correspondence poured in.

phenomenon. Food writer col-

leagues tell me that marmalade

generates more letters than any

other topic. We have come to the

conclusion that it is the one thing

in the culinary world that the British feel passionate about. Everyone clearly feels that they

have the secret for making the best

marmalade. It's all in the soaking,

the grating, the shredding, the skinning, the boiling, or whatever. And I am filled with admiration at

the quantities you make. I won't

say how many pounds, because

one of you is sure to tell me that

you regularly make double that

The next part of this column is

not for marmalade makers, but for

those who have never made it and

think they might like to have a go

if it wasn't such a chore. It really

need not be, as I discovered a few weeks ago. We do not eat much

marmalade, but since there were

some limes and lemons in the fruit

bowl that needed to be used, I

thought I would make a few jars. I

liked the look of Nell Heaton's

basic marmalade recipe published

in 1950: "Boil whole Seville

oranges for three and a half hours

in plenty of water, then chop

coarsely, removing pips. Add 1-

14lb sugar to each pound of fruit

and half pint of water, boil briskly for half an hour, then pot." She

goes on to describe success with

other combinations of fruit, and I

decided it would work well with

the limes and lemons. By accident

I forgot to switch off the heat, and

the fruit cooked at the lowest

possible temperature for about

eight hours. By then I did not feel

like dealing with it and left it overnight. Next day the fruit was

cold and, therefore, easy to han-

dle. I quartered and sliced it very

thinly, although I could have

simply given it a quick burst in the food processor. Then it was an

jelly-like, having released all its

pectin. I used some of the cooking

liquid for boiling up the fruit and

sugar, and I was very pleased with

the intensely fruity result. The

bonus was the extra pectin-rich

liquid with which I made a mango

and tangerine marmalade. I cut

the tangerine peel into thin strips,

and cooked it in the liquid until

soft before adding the tangerine

pulp, scooped out with a teaspoon,

and the chopped mango pulp and

For many people marmalade is the essential breakfast item, but it

has its uses as a condiment and

flavouring. Many meats, such as duck, chicken, pork, veal, rabbit

matter to squeeze out the . The fruit pulp had become

amount

I am not alone in observing this

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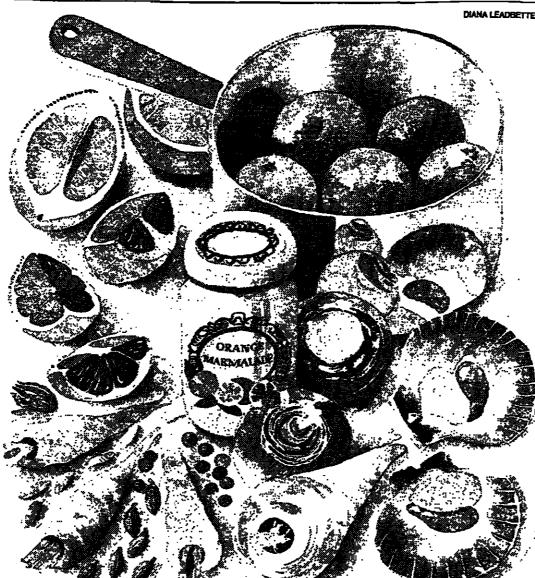
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THE TIMES COOK

hy I am writing this is quite beyond me. Frances Bissell prepares to be inundated with letters as she Last year I swore I again tackles the most controversial, bitter-sweet preserve



and pheasant, are well matched with bitter-sweet orange or other citrus flavours which can be imparted by adding a little marmalade to a sauce, a marinade or a glaze. It also goes surprisingly well with fish dishes. Baked batter puddings, steamed puddings, egg-based puddings such as souffiés and pancakes will all take a marmalade sauce. And it makes a very good sweetening agent for apples and pears, as an occasional replacement for honey or sugar. The flavour of marmalade is already concentrated and, added to quick-cooking dishes, it gives them an extra dimension of flavour that gives the impression of long, slow cooking. I am not suggesting that you flavour every-thing with marmalade, but here are a few ideas for using up the jars in your cupboard before your next

Spiced gritled skewers of fish (serves 4 as a starter) trimmed scallops if possible, and light or dark sesame oil not the pale, cold-pressed oil

1lb/455g firm fleshed fish, off the

2tbsp orange or grapefruit juice 1tbsp orange or grapefruit 2tso sesame oil

good served with brown rice and a

(serves 4)

1 orange

5oz/140g cooked rice or 3oz/85g soft breadcrumbs

1/4tsp ground cardamom 2tbsp toasted sesame seeds Garnish: fresh coriander or parsley and orange or grapefruit slices or

1/4 tsp ground allspice

Cut the fish into 1in/2.5cm cubes, and leave the scallops whole if using them. Heat the juice and marmalade and strain it into a bowl. Mix in the sesame oil. seasoning and spices, and stir in the fish until it is well coated.

Marinate for 30 to 40 minutes. Thread the fish on to skewers, and place under a moderately hot grill for about eight minutes, turning and basting from time to time. Then arrange the skewers on individual plates, sprinkle with the toasted sesame seeds and arrange the garnish. This is very

Stuffed orange-glazed duck

4 duck breasts 1tbsp orange marmalade 2tbsp Southern Comfort or whisky

1 small onion, peeled and finely 1 celery stalk, trimmed and finely

1tbsp pine kernels or chopped 1tbsp finely chopped parsley

4 dried apricots, soaked and

choppe

Remove the fillets from the duck breasts, and use in another recipe. Use a sharp knife to make a deep pocket in each duck breast to hold the stuffing, taking care not to pierce the flesh around the edges. Score the duck skin quite deeply, diagonally and across. This will help the fat to drain away as the meat cooks. Grate the orange zest, and mix with half of the orange juice, marmalade and liquor. Brush the duck breasts with this mixture. Mix the stuffing ineredients with the rest of the

Brush the meat with more of the basting liquid, and arrange the duck breasts on a wire rack in a roasting pan. Place towards the top of a pre-heated oven, and roast at 220°C/425°F, gas mark 7 for about 12 to 15 minutes. Cooking time will depend also on the thickness of the meat and how well done you like it. Brush the meat with the orange mixture twice during cooking. Remove from the oven, and allow the meat to rest in a warm place for five to 10 minutes. Serve with a water-

breast cavity.

steamed potatoes in their jackets.

Sweet glazes are a very popular way of cooking root vegetables. especially to serve with plainly roasted or grilled meat or poultry. Marmalade makes an excellent glaze, with plenty of flavour of its own to add a subtle bitter-sweet taste. Try lemon marmalade with carrots, orange marmalade with parsnips or beetroots and lime marmalade with turnips or

Lemon-glazed carrots (serves 4) 1lb/455g carrots

1oz/30g butter

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1-2tbsp lemon marmalade

white pepper 1tbsp finely chopped chives or

Peel or scrub the carrots as appropriate. Slice them, cut into batons or leave whole, depending on size. Put them in a saucepan with an inch of water and simmer gently until almost tender. Stir in the butter, marmalade and seasoning and raise the heat. Allow the cooking juices to amaleamate to a glaze and transfer to a serving dish. Sprinkle with herbs before serving.

Quire of orange pancakes with marmalade sauce (serves 6)

1/230g plain flour %tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground mace 3 eggs 12floz/340ml mlik

4tbsp orange liqueur

itbsp orange flower water 4-6oz/110-170g marmalade

To serve: whipped cream, thick yoghurt or creme fraiche (optional) Sift together the flour, salt and mace, and make a well in the middle. Gradually beat in the eggs

and milk, first to a smooth paste

and then until you have a smooth batter. Stir in the liqueur and orange flower water. Use a nonstick or well-seasoned frying pan or omelette pan; heat it and then pour in just enough batter to coat the pan lightly with a lacy covering. If the pancakes are too thick, the finished dish will be stodgy. When the pancake is cooked on one side, that is when the top surface is dry and full of pinholes, turn or toss it and cook the other side. Slide the pancake on to a plate set over a pan of hot water, spread on it a little marmalade, and continue to cook the rest of the pancakes, stacking and spreading each one in turn. If you cover the stack with foil and leave it over the water, you can prepare to this point before dinner or lunch, and leave the pancakes while you get on with the rest of the meal. To more marmalade, cut into wedges like a cake and hand the cream or

yoghurt separately. Orange and marmalade make one version of this rather nice pudding jam, cream and icing sugar and honey, lemon juice and yoghurt are also good combinations.

The orange flavouring in the batter can be replaced with sherry, Amontillado or oloroso, for example, and the pile of pancakes can be served with cream whipped with sweet sherry, such as PX. C Times Newscapers Ltd 1990

FOOD

Marmalade with everything Mutton dressed as lamb

It's time for the British to stop giving mutton the cold shoulder — before new EC regulations mean that it's too late

et us return to our muttons, as the French say when they want to get down to business. The trouble is, though, that all our muttons have turned into lambs. If you buy home-produced fresh lamb in the next few weeks you are likely, despite the advent of breeds which lamb twice a year, to be getting something which might pass for mutton. It is hardly likely to be called that, though. In the North and in Scotland, where some traditionalists may still ask for mutton, they are served with the same meat as people who come in and ask for lamb. Elsewhere mutton was given the cold shoulder (which was originally a cold shoulder of mutton

the leftovers) long ago. It is a complete reversal of the traditional view — which was that sheep were not really worth eating until they were three years old. It was not turkey that Sam Weller looked for to make up "a friendly swarry", but "a boiled leg of

mutton with the usual trimmings", while John Home's "bold and erect Caledonian" stood so well because "Old was his mutton, and

his claret good". "Mutton of two years old is flabby. pale and savourless", a Victorian authority decreed. To suit the palate of an epicure, a sheep should never be killed earlier than its third or later than its fifth year, at which age the mutton will be firm and succunowadays lent, dark col-

oured and full of

the richest gravy." Mutton from three to five-year-old animals is, farmers and butchers who have tasted it agree, much finer meat and better in flavour than mere yearling hogget, which is what we get nowadays. But modern breeds fatten quickly. It would not pay farmers to keep wethers (castrated male sheep) for years unless they could sell the meat much more expensively than lamb. The public, though, cynically supposing that mutton comes from worn-out breeding ewes, expects mutton to be cheaper than lamb, not dearer. Many butchers would, in fact,

never have dealt with a ewe which had lambed, though others say that if she is specially fattened after the lamb has been taken from her and is slaughtered in summer, a ewe can provide very good eating meat. But mutton was never lamb, and could not be cooked in the same way. It requires slow cooking by boiling. stewing or roasting, and that does not commend it to today's hurried meal-snatchers.

Ewes' meat, the butchers say

darkly, goes now "for export, or for manufacturing". On the other hand, I have heard them privately doubt that there is any in so-called mutton pies, which still have some popularity in the North. Others claim the only mutton they ever see is imported frozen from the antipodes "for ethnic communities, Indian restaurants and so on". Even ethnic communities, though, are spurning mutton these days: lamb has supplanted mut-

ton, even in curries.
Gary Rhodes, chef at the Castle Hotel in Taunton and revivalistin-chief of the British culinary tradition, makes a major feature of boiled leg of mutton with caper sauce. It is, he says, larger, darker, fleshier, fatter and more earthy tasting, but properly cooked "a splendidly finished piece of

He gets the mutton (and it is, of course, by no means three years old) by special arrangement with his local butcher, Stillmans of Taunton, which kills sheep preferably black-

"superb

become

faced ones of the downland and Mutton from Suffolk varieties - on its own farm. Peter Cook of three to five-yearold animals is, Stillmans remembers farmers and meat" from sheep which had been butchers who turned out on Exmoor on a diet have tasted it supplemented agree, much finer with turnips. It is difficult, he says, meat and better to get meat like that any more. in flavour than And it may soon mere vearling quite impossible - if EC regulahogget, which is tions close down what we get the small on-farm slaughterhouses

where traditional butchers, like Stillmans, have killed and cut their own meat, rather than receiving it from a processing plant. "With the numbers we kill we can never afford to have meat inspectors standing around at £30 or £40

an hour," Cook says. Already there is a disincentive against farmers taking sheep to a local butcher for rapid slaughter (which would be ideal as regards the quality of the meat afterwards) because fat lamb premiums are only paid if the stock goes through

f the butchers who kill their own meat are forced out of business, quite a lot more of Britain's culinary heritage will, I'm afraid, be as dead as mutton. Stillmans has, for instance, collected 700 signatures in defence of its farm-slaughtered and dry-plucked turkeys and chickens. They, too, are threatened by the EC and the relentless advance of industrialized food

Robin Young

DRINK

Burns' Night celebrations call for the finest whisky, Jane MacQuitty writes, which means single malt

Make mine a single

1tsp soy sauce

cots and Sassenachs alike should do the decent thing this Thursday and celebrate Burns' Night with a dram or two of malt whisky. This is not just because a great single malt is one of the most satisfying spirits, but because our whisky industry is still shaky after a depressed and troubled decade. The worst could be over, however, and malt whisky's ever-increasing sales, up 10 Der cent last year to almost talf a million cases, look promising. Although the lighter, blended whiskies account for the lion's share of the whisky market, future hopes are pinned on single

This is as it should be, for in Robert Burns's day all whisky was malt. Then Scottish whisky merchants saw that blended whisky, made predominantly from cheaper, faster-maturing, unmalted grain spirit, produced in a patent or continuous Coffey still and given flavour and finesse with a dash of a fine single mait, could boost sales and oust malts from their dominant position. (Single mali is a confusing term, but is used because it is the unblended product from one distillery.) More than a century and a half later mait whisky is starting to redress

A good blended, singledistilled Scotch whisky made from several cereals, as opposed to a single mait's donble-distilled one (barley), could contain as much as 60 per cent flavour-enhancing,

malt, but the average whiskies contain about 40 per cent, and many contain even less. It is Scotland's distinctive combination of double distillation in a copper pot still, malted barley, soft, often peatinfluenced spring water, and a damp, cold climate that make

single malts so fine. The oak casks that the colourless spirit is aged in, gradually gathering colour and flavour, also have a great influence on the character of the final product. Macallan ages its whisky entirely in sherry casks. These. slight differences between one distillery and another account for the very different tastes that each of the single malts The large, onion-

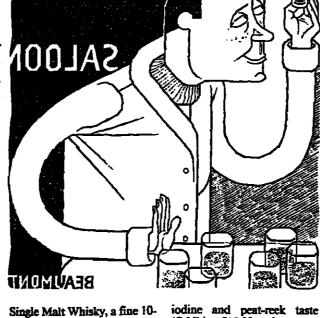
shaped copper pot stills perhaps affect the end result most. Distillery managers are so convinced of this that when a worn-out still has to be renewed an identical one is erected in its place, complete with any dents or knocks that the old one may have had. No one knows exactly what the copper pot still contributes to the end product, but it is clear that the Brobdingnagian-sized stills at Glenmorangie, the largest in Scotland, produce lighter flavours than the small, squat stills with their heavier, fuller-flavoured spirits, like

those used by Macallan. The malted barley, dried traditionally over a peat fire, has become less of a distinguishing factor in single malt, since most producers now buy in their needs rather keep me on my toes. Top, but than produce their own. But only just, was Tesco's Islay

there are different levels of malting, and single malt producers which are known for their strength and power would use a heavy, peat-dried malt. Water is an important factor, and whatever character the local distillery burn water displays, whether it is soft and gentle like the Glenlivet's or with a heavy peat-reek flavour like that in Islay, it will be reflected in the final product. This also explains why the finest dram from any single mait house will always be tasted in the distillery manager's office, when water from the local well will be used to cut the whisky: 50-50 is the acknowledged finest blend. Scotland's climate is the

least tangible of the factors that make a fine single malt, but it is important. The oak casks in which single malts are matured for at least eight years are porous, and the cold, wet Scottish climate gradually softens the fierce spirit into a fine whisky. Some malt whisky connoisseurs claim that the iodine, seaside-like scents found in Islay malts are a direct result of sea breezes.

Single malts are expensive, and none of us wants to splash out on a disappointing Burns' Night bottle. As it has been some time since I last evaluated the high street own-label single malts, I thought I would track down the best of these, plus some of the rarer single malis. I tasted, or rather "nosed", six high street bottles blind with Majestic's Five Year Old blend slipped in to



Single Malt Whisky, a fine 10year-old priced at £12.75, whose splendid, earthy scent and taste would make a great introduction to an Islay single malt. Easier to appreciate and almost as impressive was Thresher's Glen Tarras, a 10year-old, whose spicy, musky, gingery style is excellent value at £11.19. The ordinary 10year-old from Tesco (£11.49) and eight-year-old from Waitrose (£10.50) came next, followed by Majestic's blended offering (£7.95). Last was Sainsbury's Twelve Year Old (£14.50), which had a dirty, musty style.

A much more palatable exercise was the line-up of 22 rare single malts. I also "nosed" these blind, and was delighted that Lagavulin's Sixteen Year Old Islay malt came first. This magnificent malt is what a great Islay offering is all about - a delicious, big, bold,

(Oddbins £15.99, going up to £17.49 on Monday, The Victoria Wine Company £16.79). Joint first with Lagavulin was Macallan's fine, flowery and elegant 18-year-old Highland malt, bottled in 1971 (Oddbins £22.49, Milroy's, 3 Greek Street, London Wi. £22.90). Slightly behind these two came the rare Ledaig, a 1973 Hebridean bottling from the island of Mull, whose very strong, pungent, smoky, io-dine-like flavour may not be appreciated by all (Oddbins £16.25, Milroy's £16.60). I also enjoyed Dallas Dhu, a 1972 Highland bottling, with its full-bodied, spicy, gingery character (Oddbins £16.49), along with Cragganmore, a 12year-old Highland malt, whose soft, waxy-spicy style is good value (Oddbins £13.99, going up to £15.69 on Monday, Milroy's £15.40).

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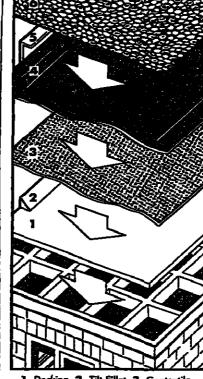
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Robert Nye on the uniquely strange vision of Boris Pasternak

n the sad and angry hullaballoo which surrounded Boris Pasternak throughout his last years, it was sometimes forgotten in the West that he was primarily a poet - perhaps the most important Russian poet of the century, though there are some of us who would give that honour to Mandelshtam. Yet the Nobel Prize was offered for his "important contributions to contemporary poetry" as much as for his one novel, Dr Zhivago, and it is at least arguable that it is the poems - with all their puzzled and introverted music - for which he will ultimately be remembered.

Pasternak is a difficult poet, so I am told, even in the original. Andrei Navrozov speaks of the temptation to translate him into Russian - a witty way of referring to the unique strangeness of his vision, as well as the peculiarity of his diction.

Navrozov values the work up to about 1932 the highest, and makes an excellent case for this preference in the introduction and notes to the 46 poems which he gives us in English versions as Second Nature. These early poems are full of surprising, but not arbitrary, images drawn from Pasternak's sense of the fragmentation of modern life. Sometimes these images are so startling that they bold the attention too much (as a too brilliant neck-tie might ruin the appearance of an otherwise well-dressed man), but usually they are inventive and exact in equal measure, the working parts of a poetry always packed with feeling and intelligence, even if its total import seems doubtful,

Here is a bold exhibition of

Chinese conjur-

ing. All the para-phernalia are

laid out for an

arch little story

of a kind not

much in fashion

today. The girl

Li-la receives

from Great Un-

cle a green satin

Fu-dog - a small replica of the one

that used to guard temples and

palaces. Fu-dog would seem to

exert magic powers, not greatly appreciated by Li-la's older brother

Malcolm. ("Stuff," says he.) But some sort of magic does flow. The

children manage to get themselves

on to a train for a 400-mile journey

to London, and Fu-dog is deeply

implicated in what then happens:

meetings with Wu-uncle and Great-

The writer as poet

POETRY.

SECOND NATURE 46 poems by Boris Pasternak Translated by Andrei Navrozov Peter Owen, £13.95

POEMS 1953-1988 By Anthony Thwaite Hutchinson, £8.95

obscure, half-defined in a shyly oblique and take-it-or-leave-it way: My sister - life - is again out flooding. like spring rain, against what is past. But people with pendants are subtly pedantic, Attentively stinging, like snakes in the grass.

Tale wagging

SEOR CHIEDREN

Brian Alderson

FU-DOG

By Rumer Godden Illustrated by

Valerie Littlewood

The rhythm runs counter to the complexity of the thought, as though Swinburne had set himself the task of re-visioning the knottier bits of John Donne. Whether this is true to the texture of Pasternak in his prime, I cannot say, but it reads plausibly enough, and since Navrozov evinces every sign of loving and revering the great originals, I am prepared to believe that what we have here is a sincere attempt to recreate in English verse the effect of reading Pasternak in Russian. That is not quite the same thing as a translation, of course, but then Navrozov is probably too close to Pasternak to want to

 Poems 1953-1988, by Anthony Thwaite, contains much welljudged rhetoric, and a few poems where the author seems about to speak through the mask in what might be taken to be his own voice rather than that of a suburban Yeats or a rather improbably bardic Philip Larkin, I can admire Thwaite's command of technique, but can't help thinking that he's at his best when he is clumsiest, as in

Not much is simple: you can Straight out what ten more minutes will make worse.

His most interesting poems have what a late poem of Pasternak's memorably defined as an "after-thunder freshness" (this is a translation by the Russian poet's younger sister, Lydia Pasternak Slater). The trouble with them, perhaps, is that unlike Pasternak's, they never quite give us the thunder

town parade, cal-

amity and res-

toration, feasting

Large chunks of this narrative

ought by rights

to collapse under

their own pre-

posterousness.

but that is to

reckon without

Miss Godden's particular brand of

wizardry. The highly coloured

events are strung together with an

assured conviction. A clear sense

of the real substantiates the fantas-

tic: and behind the standard chil-

dren's book phrasing there are the

sharp observations and the crisp

rejoinders of an individual voice.

This strange mixture of conven-

tions is mirrored in Valerie Little-

wood's ornate illustrations.

and prezzies.



Hugo Vickers

ROYAL DRESS By Valerie Cumming Batsford, £17.95 THE ROYAL **GUNROOM AT** SANDRINGHAM By David J. Baker Phaidon/Christie's, £70

atsford originally wanted Valerie Cumming to create a picture book on royal and court dress, but she decided to take a more idiosyncratic approach. She had been first curator of the Court Dress Collection at Kensington Palace, and is now deputy director of the Museum of London, which houses many royal robes. She therefore wished to analyse rather than merely illustrate.

I enjoyed her historical section. and soon learned that she was a stern and keen critic, sometimes dismissive. A favourite recurring word in this book is "absurd" which appears in one form or another at least a dozen times. Later on I have to confess I was less happy. Her approach to the present royal family struck me as somewhat hostile. Perhaps they rather bored her, but this does not make for enjoyable reading. I prefer what might be called the enthusiastic approach. I cite a line such as:
"Sophisticated and well advised public figures (amongst whom royalty are rarely to be found)." And she cannot surely mean to describe Princess Michael of Kent as "the first true Cinderella, of the modern variety". She is also analytical to the point of being personal in such phrases as "her generous, somewhat low-slung, and throughly Windsor bosom". For a scholar she makes one or

two errors: the Queen did not transfer from military uniform to a pastel coat and hat at Trooping the Colour as a way "to modernize royal ceremonial dress", but because she did not wish to embark on the training of a new horse in her 60s. (It was a wise decision as the Queen was clearly still quite capable of riding on parade.) Edward VII would hardly have demanded that Queen Alexandra change her Garter star "from the left of her bodice to the right": it would have been the reverse. And George V is dressed as Admiral not Admiral of the Fleet in the photograph at Edward VII's funeral - three rings

on the sleeve, not four. I was annoyed by the disparaging references to Cecil Beaton, a source the author frequently drew on, while clearly finding him absurd. I wondered why she chose a photograph of the Windsors "marred by the absurd screen and draperies against which Cecil Beaton posed them", when there was such a wide choice of other Beaton wedding photographs available. Valerie Cumming has worked for four years on this book. She concludes: Fashion equals frivolity, invites criticism, and devalues the magic; stylized grandeur equals dignity, invites respect, and promotes historical continuity."

The Royal Gunroom at Sandringham is a different kind of book, lavishly illustrated and expensively produced. Over the years many books have emerged dealing with aspects of royal life, their houses, their farms, their jewels, indeed their dress. This one is destined for the experts who understand and like to look at photographs of handsome royal shotguns and pistols. At £70 for 160 pages it is elevated to connoissem league, and handsome though it is. its interest is limited. It would certainly not have tempted me to reach for my cheque book.

In his preface, Prince Philip tells us that the collection is particularly good, because the guns were too valuable to be thrown away without being valuable enough to make selling a good proposition. The author, David Baker, has been immensely thorough. I think this book would make a handsome "house guest" present from anyone invited for an expensive week's grouse shooting in August.

"QUICK LIST

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this

The Aeneid, by Virgil, translated by Robert Fitzgerald (Penguin Classics, £5.99) I sing of warfare and a man at war. . . quite formal, fairly stately, five-footed verse. Driving Through Cuba, by Carlo Gébler (Abacus, 24.50) Entertaining portrait and jaunts in one of the last, increasingly isolated outposts of evangelistic Communism. Flemish Cities Explored, by Derek Slyth (The Bodley Head, £10.95) From Memling to convivial cafés, with maps and pictures, around the spectacular blossoming of Flemish art and architecture, just over the water. When Sisterhood Was in Flower, by Florence King (Black Swan, £3.99) V. funny on

feminist movement in Boston in the Seventies, original paperback. (Sadly, he never completed a novel begun under his own nom de Somerset Maugham, by Frederic Raphael (Cardinal, 24.99) Lively and guerre, E. Mountstuart Temple.) At first, reality was but a pale controversial monograph, arguing among much else that the clever old saurian was preserved reflection of this thesaurus of felicities. "Ramsay Mac" and "GBS" were only bogymen; girls no more than "fancy dressed creafrom dottiness by his gayness. The Spanish Civil War 1936-39, tures"; and when Britain abanby Paul Preston (Weidenfeld & Niccison, 27.95) Fair-minded and doned the Gold Standard, Vansitgripping narrative and analysis with vivid news pictures. tart inevitably "imagined a flag of 15 carat gold, abandoned upright



hort stories have no rules. So it's not necessarily a criticism to say that what you won't find in William Trevor's new collection of stories is anger, passion, joy, transcendence, transformation, hope, or the possibility of change. Even tragedy is dimmed — by acceptance, avoidance, non-recognition, or sheer smallness.

Actually, it begins to get you down. "Does it happen," wonders one of Trevor's women, "in other people's lives, that a single event influences all subsequent time?" There is a bleak determinism about Trevor's current way of seeing things which makes life seem hardly worth pursuing to its dreary end. He writes about his native Ireland, but not about the brash, youthful, entrepreneurial Ireland of recent decades. His Ireland is provincial, constricting, punitive. Even when his Irish stories are not set in the 1940s, as several are, they

might as well be. The important things there have happened, usually, long ago, as in "Events at Drimaghleen": "There were memories of dramatic occurreaces; stories from a more distant past were told." Something new and terrible does happen at Drimaghleen - a triple murder in a farmyard - and the narrative veers away from the horror to focus on

the fallen bicycle of one of the

but true nevertheless:

Peter Vansittart is a writ-

er's writer. And in Paths

from a White Horse, more of a

meditation on life than a structured.

autobiography, he recalls how he

'writer's memoir" he explores the

inner landscapes of childhood with

His was a loner's literary child-

hood, dominated by an early case

of what Denis Norden would later

dub "literalism". When just "a kid"

- and thus "likely to be napped" -

he believed that "overdraft" really

meant "death from cold". He was

(and has miraculously remained)

entranced by the sheer incantatory

power of words such as "esplanade", "troika" and "charcoal-

burner". He yearned to be in towns

with names like Clyst St Mary or

Nijni-Novgorod, and to take his

place alongside writers who "ten-

ded to have names substantiating the glamour of their trade": Rafael

Sabatini, H. de Vere Stacpoole,

E. Phillips Oppenheim, Harrison

Ainsworth, L. du Gard Peach.

the authority of a Livingstone.

came to be one.

Victoria Glendinning finds few rays of stories about people who are only enducate

victims, and two dead rabbits. It might as well not have happened. The survivors bury their dead, and their grief, and carry on - till journalists from an English newspaper violate their privacy. "What kind of people are they?" ask the old couple - who have nevertheless taken money from the journalists in exchange for an interview. These 12 stories are about shame, fear and failure, blunted by fortitude, and sharpened, unpleasantly, by cruelty and greed.

he title story, "Family Sins", is one of several in which the hatreds and jealousies of one generation are carried over into the next. Misty, pretty young girls, as in this story, are the victims. The young men who see the girls' plight are unable to love them enough to rescue them. In "In Love with Ariadne", set in a boarding house in Dublin, a student takes out the landlady's sweet, shy daughter just once - after which she is banished to a convent. She is the daughter of a suicide, and so unfitted for love. The student, who thinks she "had the look of a saint", is left with a

FAMILY SINS. And Other Stories By William Trever The Bodley Head, £11.99

"useless longing to change circum stances that had been". In "Kathleen's Field" there is no

even a young man to dream of recuing Kathleen from life as a skivy to awful Mrs O'Shaughnessy, wh runs the grocery and bar in a small Irish town. Her father borrow money from the O'Shaughnessys't buy a field. The money is paid bac Kathleen's wages, so she penniless - as well as exploited homesick, and sexually abused h heavily-breathing Mr O'Shaugi nessy. A bargain's a bargain, as h mother says.

It's not only the sins of a parental generation that paralys the present. If you are deprived x. all family background, like the young couple reared in institution in "A Trinity", who book a trip? Venice and find themselves on. pensioners' holiday in Switzerlant. you are still a loser. Nothing can h. done, from the beginning. I

Self-censored memories from wartime Brittain

y 1939 and the outbreak of war Vera Brittain was a public figure, in great demand as a pacifist, as a political activist, and as the author of the bestselling account of the First World War, Testament of Youth. She travelled the length and breadth of the country almost as often as an Intercity 125, almost as fast as Michael Heseltine.

Each page of Wartime Chronicle, the third volume of her diaries, is a testament to the energy and commitment she displayed in this middle period of her life: the narrative is laced, even laden, with lists of her appointments, and studded with initials of the groups she visited.

When she wasn't at the Peace Pledge Union, she'd be at the Federal Union, or the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Then again it could be the IVS, the CBCO, the CORB, or the FAU, or indeed the ILP, the IVSP, the LNU, or the UDC, not to mention the UNRRA, the WIL, the WVS or, of course, the good old PO. She gave speeches and more speeches, wrote letters and more letters. She wrote books on the war and pamphlets on the war. This is her diary of the war. Clearly this campaigning pacifist was much too busy to fill her private writings with either contemplation of the soul or detailed observation of wartime Britain; one conclusion drawn from reading these diaries is, in fact, that Brittain was much too busy to write a diary at all.

However, she does find time to note down the state of the weather and of the crocuses, the best places for buying bot water bottles and for having hair shampooed. In its own way, of course, this is fascinating stuff, but it is fundamentally trivial. As such, Wartime Chronicle is a frustrating read. It takes a strong magnifying glass and a lot of

Nicola Murphy

WARTIME CHRONICLE By Vera Brittain Edited by Alan Bishop and Y. Aleksandra Bennett Gollancz, £16.95



Political activist: Vera Brittain

determination to uncover the personal thoughts and the private life of perhaps the most celebrated pacifist of the Second World War. It is only just possible to piece together a full picture of the public Vera Brittain, the Vera Brittain who hated the "vulgarly jubilant" Churchill, hated the bombing of German civilians, and hated the

food blockades of enemy-occupied

countries. It is a picture of a highly-

strung woman with an unbending sense of duty; a woman who would stand by a shell-shocked friend who murdered his wife, by a canon jailed for releasing Government secrets. This is a woman who, separated for three years and by the Atlantic Ocean from the children she loved and was not allowed to visit, stood resolute in the face of 'patriotic" hate mail, in the face of PPU internal rivalry, chauvinism, and scandal.

These are events that we want to

read about, events that Brittain does not want to write about. Wartime Chronicle illustrates how the diarist preferred to live from day to day: "I take each thing as it comes and I try not to think too much about the complete shattering of my life since a year ago. And since two decades ago." Brittain had experienced a terrible amount of pain during her life. In Chronicle of Youth the war-fevered undergraduate diarist lost her brother. her lover, her friends and her idealism. So did many. But not so many would go on to suffer the suicide of an invalid father. Her dearest friend, Winifred Holtby, then died within a month, while only in her late thirties.

Understandably, Brittain did not want "to think too much"; when at her lowest she despised her timidity, despised her lack of self respect, and felt that all her achievements were "dust and ashes". Essentially, though, Wartime Chronicle shows that Brittain had learnt how to live with her personal pain by channelling energy into her public crusade. Although the original manuscripts have been cut by a third, selfcensorship has played a greater part in making this volume of Brittain's diaries so unsatisfying a read. Hiding thoughts and feelings helped Brittain; unfortunately it hasn't helped her editors, and it

Out of Israel

Hugh David

PATHS FROM A WHITE HORSE By Peter Vansittart Quartet, £6.95

Successive chapters do nomon a desolate shore". Soon, howinally relate how a lonely, only child whose parents were mysteriever, real villains emerged - Musously "out East" survived infancy, solini, the Führer and his stormtroopers all had sinisterly appro-priate names — but in 1937 and prep school. Haileybury, Oxford and the pubs and rebuffs of literary 1938 even they barely impinged on London, but only in the way that what had become a desperate Hamlet is about what happens search for "the Best Friend" when the Prince returns to Den-He appeared in 1939. As he was mark. As readers of his novels will know, Vansittart is primarily conabout to start his "tepid" career at cerned with secret worlds and the prancing white horses of the imagination, and in the first half of this

Oxford, Vansittart met Wilfrid Israel near the Leg of Mutton Pond on Hampstead Heath. Divine intervention surely that in such a singularly-named spot he should encounter another who shared his infatuation with words, who could talk about everything "from Bismarck to the derivation of a local pub-sign, the Naked Boy". It was as if talking to Israel finally

convinced him to "go public". He began committing to paper the words which had jangled and dazzled in his imagination for the previous 20 years, and became a writer. In wartime Fitzrovia he met George Orwell, "oace stepped over Dylan Thomas" and survived Julian Maclaren-Ross's stinging (but characteristic) verdict on his first novel: "Chatto book. Yellow cover, Title blocked in blue. Very pompous."

Israel was killed in 1943; but, like Vansittart, we owe him a debt of gratitude. This dazzling, generous, intoxicating book has a whiff of adolescent wonder about it. To read it is to stand in the wind, near the Leg of Mutton Pond, mesmerized by the potentialities of words and the world. Maclaren-Ross-like, however, it is also only fair to comment: Quartet book Appalling cover. Brown-grey and sludge green. Title dull brown Unreadable from three feet.



City slicker: Djuna Barnes wroter

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juna Barnes was one e those original parties juna Barnes was those original, unheralde American writers who as rived in Paris in the 1920 For all anyone knew, she was: female Jay Gatsby, pursuing dream of artistic fulfilment nou ished in the empty space of the great American hinterland. St carried with her letters of introduction tion to Joyce and Ezra Pound, as in her suitcase there was a dra-

manuscript of the novel. Barnes became one of the stylis expatriates in the American literal colony. Her writing was admired to Hemingway. T.S. Eliot praised by novel, Nightwood, for the beauty w its phrasing and brilliance of wi Largely forgotten since the 1930 she died a recluse in Greenwid Village in 1982. Since then the Su-& Moon Press in New York as Virago in London have published series of attractive volumes, a

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By William Trevor Car Bookey Head, £11.98 conversation they could have."

Adults are haunted by their schooldays. In "Third Party", two men meet in Buswell's Hotel in said was that had been ".

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in "Kathleen's Field" there it a Dublin to discuss the hand-over of even a young man to dram distribute wife of one to the other. The came Kathleen from life as a style rejected husband, who does not 10 de ful Mrs O'Shaughnessy, to care for his wife, drinks a good deal the grocery and bar in a start of Jameson's. The prim new lover win lown. Her father books seems to have the upper hand money from the O'Shaughoess, and the husband recalls that at in institution's wages, so sis 'held down a WC and scrubbed with permisers - as well as exploses a lavatory brush. This empowers mestek, and sexually abuses . him to reveal the one thing about

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No not only the sins of So says slow-witted Davy in processed if you are depressed in his wedding night with a destomal background like pairingly drunken bride, heavily regnant by another man. But as to the country, who book a man the daughter of his employer, she is Venue and find themselves says a queen to poor Davy. Amid the enremoved holiday if Switzell - Circling gloom this seems almost a variance stall a loser. Nothing the beginning is resist too for the artist Charlotte, in A PAPERBACKS TO THE PAPERBACKS

"The Printmaker", whose pictures all refer back to her memories of France, where as a girl she lived en famille to perfect her French. She loved the father of the family, and he longed for her, but behaved beautifully. She has never forgotten him, and believes he remembers her. Time has failed to absorb the passion that was not allowed."

All passion in this book is disallowed. In "August Saturday" the small-town tennis club is revisited by a man who, 17 years ago, charmed one of the young wives into one brief, unpremeditated coupling. The climax of the story is her realization that she cannot regret it. This, for a William Trevor heroine, is a triumph. Yet there is passionate life in

Trevor's writing - in his economisun on them, his interiors (Rexine armchairs, a bottle of stout in the grate), his grisly gastronomic detail (cream of celery soup and cod at Buswell's Hotel, corned beef and salad in a grim country house, a twice-used teabag in an Englishman's half-converted hovel near Perugia). An impatient wittiness and the desire for desire lie halfburied in every sentence. But why are all the people he writes about so spiritless? Reading these stories is like playing poker; he's got a straight flush in there somewhere,

but he's not showing his hand.

When did the Anglican church lose its political will? Jonathan Clarke investigates

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"Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's." "The powers that be are ordained of God." "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." When did you last hear a sermon on any of the dozens of biblical texts like these, or see a systematic work of political theory which was based on them? Modern clergymen have engagingly few inhibitions about pronouncing on politics, but their spontaneous outbursts almost always disclose the same innocence of the long and distinguished Anglican tradition of political theology. By an act of collective amnesia, that tradition has been consigned to the rubbish

bin of history.

When and why this happened is essential for us to know if we are not to react to each new social ill, or clerical gaffe, with a ritual denunci-ation of David Jenkins. The current Bishop of Durham is not the first to have lost touch with this area of the Church's teaching. Unknown, it seems, to meddlesome priests and indignant politicians alike, scholars in the 1980s have located the problem. It turns out to be older than Mrs Thatcher, older than the Christian Socialism of Faith in the City, older even than English Marxism. Robert Hole has provided the fullest and most balanced account of just what the English tradition of Christian thought on politics entailed - its strengths, diversities, internal contradictions, and final demise

The enemy within is the greatest

A spade to any serious gardener is a comprehensive encyclopaedia as a basic reference. Unlike the spade, which should last a

lifetime, he has to accept it will need replacing at intervals to keep up to

date. What we need is wide coverage of currently available plants, at a

The Royal Horticultural Society's Gardeners Encyclopaedia of Plants and Flowers is edited by the

society's director-general; 8,000 plants are described, 4,000 of which

are illustrated in colour. It is

presented in two main sections

The illustrated plant catalogue is

arranged according to type of plant and season of interest, making it easy for the hesitant gardener to find say, pink spring flowering climbers. Equally the system allows

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ment is that if the photos are large enough to give adequate detail, you lose all idea of flower size. We have

all bought plants from pictures to

find expected sunflowers the size of

daisies. This is an impressive, wide-

ranging work, but is it perhaps too

wide? It needs to be read with

perate gardeners world-wide. Wel-

the average British garden centre

won't know many of these plants.

Mirabel Osler in the introduc-

tion to A Gentle Plea For Chaos

(Bloomsbury, £14.95) proposes "a cold blast of high-altitude air to

make some gardeners gasp". But

her book is a disappointment.

arousing in this reader mixed

emotions, almost all negative. Her

call is for less control and more

chaos in the garden; we are invited

to rely on intuitive feel and

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Meddlesome priests no more?

threat. Seculari-PULPITS, POLITICS AND PUBLIC ORDER IN ENGLAND 1760-1832 zation, thinks Hole, arose more within churches than it By Robert Hole was imposed upon them. In

the 1760s, enthusiasts for both monarchy and popular sovereignty argued for their favoured party ing God-given rights; by 1832 "most men saw politics as an places in the 1790s the fundamental change of emphasis from political theory to social theory, as Christianity was adapted to be more "a means of social control"; it was a transition "from a political philosophy of obligation to a social theory of restraint". Together went

from

Disagreements remain. The world view of late 18th-century

a rise of secular arguments, defined

as ones that either ignored God or invoked Him in only a cosmetic

Englishmen contained this important contradiction: government in general was divinely sanctioned and obedience to it a religious duty.

but men had a right to judge and to change their particular form of government. Was this an evasion, the result of the messy ambiguities of 1688? Or was it a carefully maintained equilibrium, a characteristic Anglican compro-

Secondly, did those Englishmen who then defined (and now define?) themselves against "the system" do so because of their theological heterodoxy, which identified a Trinitarian Establishment as corrupt? Or because they had an independent (though coincident) "concern for civil and religious

Thirdly, how did this pattern of

ideas come to an end? Was the hegemony of Anglican political theory undermined by the advance of Dissent and religious indif-ference? Or did these Anglican arguments in an objective sense become "intellectually invalid" with changing circumstances, "a tradition whose time had passed" by 1832?

Which answer we choose still has political consequences for us. In each of these three cases I have argued for the first; Robert Hole plumps for the second. Thanks to this splendid book, which marshals a host of evidence, historians will be in a much better position to judge At least we agree on the judge. At least we agree on the dating. Hole too thinks that this ancient and powerful idiom of political theology died rather quickly around 1832. By the 1830s, engineering replaced cosmology, social engineering squeezed out paternalism, utilitarianism overrode theology, natural religion diluted revealed religion. "These new secular attitudes led some churchmen away from the traditional belief in absolute values to a new

statement of moral relativism. In 1831 William van Mildert, plutocratic Bishop of Durham and one of the last of the old order, warned of "Infidelity and Atheism on one side; Popery advancing in this direction, Socinianism in that; Dissent, Lukewarmness, Apathy each with multitudes in its train". I his life had been miraculously extended to our own day, would be have thought his analysis wrong?

Songs of faint praise

James Wood

THE PENGUIN BOOK OF HYMNS Edited by Ian Bradley Viking, £14.95

Religions may come and go, but there will always be hymns - which is another way of saying that while a religious society has disappeared. we still seem to love the soft feel of the old religious fabric. Or so one would think from the continuing popularity of hymns, of which lan Bradley's fine and extensive book is only one manifestation.

What are the charges against hymns? Multiple and manifold, I'm afraid. As poetry, even as worship, they are a mess of emotions, without stringency or proportion. They veer between the dogmatic and the sentimental, between childish faith and adult gloom, of which the best example I know is Charles Wesley's hymn about the Second Coming ("Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending") which contains the horrid plea:

"Hasten Lord the general Doom!".

The difficulty is that Christianity is not designed to be squeezed into the straitjacket of bad poetic metre and excruciating rhyme. When meaning is similarly squeezed in secular literature, you end up with very distinct forms — nursery rhymes or light verse; when it occurs in hymns, you end up with ideology, pure and simple. This is why hymns abound with awkward coercion, pushy dogma, and wilful obscurantism — all the traditional ingredients of ideology. The real culprit here, as Bradley acknowledges, is Mrs Alexander (who wrote "All Things Bright and Beautiful"). In her hymn "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" she presents the crucifixion as a complex mystery far beyond the range of our compre-

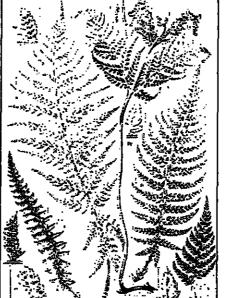
We may not know, we cannot tell What pains he had to bear But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

While I cannot share Bradley's enthusiasm for Victorian hymns, the 19th century did produce at least one great hymn in Cardinal Newman's "Lead Kindly Light", written on a becalmed ship far from home. What marks it off from so much 19th-century hymnody is its sense of real personal existential

I was not ever thus, nor prayed Shoulds't lead me on.

All that remains to be said is that Bradley's selection of hymns ords only) is all one co for - compact yet ample, and extravagantly well researched. He gives biographical details about the writers of the hymns and piquant information about their provenance. Perhaps the best story concerns H. Montagu Butler, who wrote "Lift Up Your Hearts". After Harrow, he became master of Trinity College, Cambridge, where, at the age of 53, he married a young girl who had just come top of the Classical Tripos. "It is her goodness, not her Greek and Laun, which have stolen my heart," he







Grassy architecture: St Fiacre, left, members of the lady fern family, centre, and the hart's-tongue fern, right

It's St Fiacre or garden fertilizer

GARDENING

Ruth Stungo

GARDENERS' **ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF** PLANTS AND FLOWERS Edited by Christopher Brickell Dorling Kindersley, £25

impulse. If her meandering text is symptomatic of the expected resuits, give me plan and order. Mirabel Osler seems almost to take pride in her lack of knowledge,

although there are lurking percep-

tive glimpses. It makes self-indulbecause she uses words imaginatively. She suggests homage to St Fiacre, patron saint of eardeners, as an effective alternative to fertilizer, admitting she doesn't know much about him. My dictionary says he excluded women from his garden. In this case could be be right?

 Two often books on the plants of a region exclude treatment of grasses, sedges, and rushes. They are the nonentities of the plant world. Yet even their names and the technical terms for their parts the paleas and glumes, lemmas and

spikes - have an appealing ring to the unfamiliar ear. Together with ferns, they are the "difficult" bits of botanical study, so far as the general reader is concerned. Take heart, and find delight, in Francis Rose's Grasses, Sedges, Rushes, and Ferus of The British Isles and North-West Europe (Viking, £35). This expensive but excellent book endless repetitions of the same ideas and mindless photos.

Dr Rose describes the different species in clear, concise terms. easily understood by the nonspecialist. Delicate illustrations are of considerable beauty, giving a greenfly-eye view of the amazing architecture of blade, spike and spore. The first half of the book introduces the different groups and provides a range of keys, including one for identifying grasses not in flower. Although a book for the specialist, for the general reader it opens a door to a new world.

Thomas, then aged 37.

climbed aboard a train

travelling to London. He left behind his wife, Helen, and his

three children at their house in the

village of Steep, in Hampshire.

During those early war years the

Thomas family were even more

short of money than usual, so

Edward's intention was to beg

London editors to offer him further

He failed in this mission - or,

perhaps, given his continual, near

suicidal, bouts of depression and

feelings of worthlessness - he did

not try hard enough. That same day

he enlisted instead in the Artists'

Rifles. Two years later he was killed

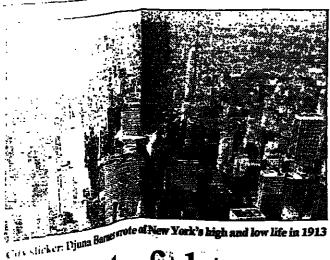
at Arras. Only after his death were

his poems published. "Death came

leading Fame by the hand," Helen

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assured his bemused students.



Wonderful town

Eric Homberger

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By Djuna Barnes

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he best things about this novel are the witty, economical writing and

the bizarre subject matter. Extraordinary events are described with exhilarating panache. The heroine was adopted as an infant by an eccentric evangelist, to be brought up to serve the Lord as a preacher and missionary. She goes deaf for three months and is thought to be full of the Spirit. At school she embroiders "The Summer is Ended and We Are Not Yet Saved" on her sampler and gives the other children nightmares with her tales of hellfire. In her teens she discovers she is eav.

But though the writing remains excellent to the end, the novel's breakneck pace slackens once early childhood is past. Strange doings continue. The heroine falls in love with a girl who works at the fishmonger's, and is locked in her bedroom for days till she repents. But she lapses again later and the evangelical mother throws her out.

Despite these events the humour flags and the plot thins. The device of interpolated fairy tales takes up more time to less effect. It seemed

Exhilarating way to serve the Lord

FICTION

Frances Hill

ORANGES ARE NOT THE ONLY FRUIT By Jeanette Winterson Pandora, £3.99

fascinating at first but becomes tiresome.

There is a sense of disappointment by the end of the novel. The heavier tone does not have the ballast to support it. The characters are never more than shadows. Even the mother, for all the force and eccentricity ascribed to her, stays out of focus. We know no more of



Original voice: Jeanette Winterson

and, when married and pregnant, seems bovine. We know virtually nothing of the heroine's father.

largely irrelevant in the heroine's life, but it seems perverse of the author not even to let us know what his job is. Also shadowy is the portrait of

the artist as a teenager. Much of her experience stays in the shade. There is no description of her apparently highly successful lay preaching. Vital areas of feeling and thought are left unexplored. The power struggle between the mother's values and the daughter's emerging self remains in many ways mysterious. What does Jeanette really think and feel about the God she has so idiosyncratically been brought up to serve?

The mother versus daughter battle is the novel's heart. The directness and concentration of the writing speak of a fight for survival, and lead at times to the poise, wit, and intensity of excellent poetry. But the imposition of the author's point of view on her material to the elimination of all others' makes for narrowness.

However, Jeanette Winterson has an original voice and original

subject matter, and that is saying a

Friends suggested to the new widow that she should write about her happy times with Thomas as a kind of therapy. She did so - a romantic love story, scenes of their courting days and early marriage in soft focus, their open-air country love-making. She called her short

published in 1926.

Thomas eventually declared.

Their friend, Robert Frost, who became celebrated thanks to Edward Thomas's reviews of the American poet's early volumes published in England and who, in turn, encouraged Thomas to write poetry, was outraged by As It Was. So much so that he removed the dedication to Helen from a selection of his poems. Myfanwy, the youngest daughter of the Thomas family, reveals how Frost had felt that Helen had insulted her hushand's manhood by writing of his

memoir, As It Was and it was first

sexual inexperience. Helen Thomas wrote a further memoir, World Without End. This continuation of her love story was

Dannie Abse

A widow of war

who found peace

UNDER STORM'S WING By Helen Thomas Paladin, £6.99

also vulnerable and celebratory but it has, at its core, because of her husband's cyclical despair, tears and tragedy. Her descriptions in this sequel of their life together and miserably not together - are less sanitized, and not only "poetic" but frequently apt. Her account of the last time she saw her husband, at his final leave-taking after Christmas, before he returned to his unit, is particularly fine and once read will never be forgotten.

"A thick mist hung everywhere." she wrote "and there was no sound except far away in the valley, a train shunting. I stood at the gate watching him go; he turned back to wave until the mist and the hill hid him ... 'Coo-ee', he called. 'Coo-ee!' I answered . . . Panic seized me, and I ran through the mist and the snow to the top of the hill, and stood there a moment dumbly, with straining eyes and ears. There was nothing but the mist and the snow and the silence of death . . . "

These two memoirs, along with letters and essays Helen Thomas wrote to or about such acquaintances as Robert Frost, D.H. Lawrence and Ivor Gurney, plus an abridged memoir of her childhood by Myfanwy Thomas, have been gathered into one volume, Under Storm's Wing. These autobiographical writings combine, as in a jigsaw puzzle, to present a poignant portrait not only of one of Britain's most notable minor poets but also of his incorrigibly romantic, hearton-the-sleeve widow.

the heroine's great love, Melanie, though she lives with him. One than that she has beautiful grey eyes Sharp humour for grown-ups on probably have not secret. Trapped in an unwanted

heard of Emily Young. Born in 1880, she published I I novels before her death in 1946, all set among the respectable households she knew as a solicitor's wife in Bristol. Scholarly guides and companions have pretty well agreed not to register these facts. And since she didn't move in the best circles, she doesn't figure much in the contemporary plethora of literary biographics, either. She might have been wholly forgotten - but for one great stroke of posthumous fortune. Virago noticed that she was an extraordinary novelist. Its reissue of Celia. first published in 1937, means that seven of her books have now reappeared under its imprint. Why is that cause for celebra-

tion? One good reason is that she is

required reading for anyone with

Dinah Birch **CELIA**

By E. H.Young Virago, £5.99

the remotest interest in what life in the suburbs of a flourishing city used to be like. Celia is married to an architect, and ekes out a pinched income in one of his meanly designed flats. Her privations (faded clothes, grim furniture, insufficient butter), and the drowsylidded wit with which she surmounts them, are evoked with affectionate precision. Yet Celia sees no reason to score an age that has not granted her elegance or ease. Her children will have to earn their own living - but they are talented and well educated. Celia

rejoices in their exuberant health: "Things do improve. There's no doubt about it. Lots of children squinted furiously when I was young and most of the poor sort had legs like Norman arches."

The underlying hopefulness of Emily Young's social analysis partly explains her fall from critical grace. Optimism has never been a fashionable literary virtue. But a deeper cause may be found in her tough moral vision. She has little time for the consolations of fantasy. Through Celia's shrewd and generous eyes, we learn about the selfdeception that corrodes family bonds. The plot resolves itself in a series of comic and painful revelations, as wives and husbands. parents and children, are reluciantly brought to recognize the

claims of contiguous lives. Even the sensible Celia has a

marriage, she broods on a frustrated love affair buried in her past. But her consoling dream exacts a poisonous price. It confines her within old prejudices, denying her the chance to grow. Her imagined lover is a gentleman, while her husband's social background is embarrassingly humble. "In the son of a belted earl some of his gestures and habits and tricks of manner would have missed the criticism to which they were subjected in the son of the lawyer's clerk, the grandson of the dealer in small quantities of coal." At 45, Celia is forced to abandon her adolescence. It's a bruising process. Emily Young doesn't give you a cosy read. But she does offer fiction of balanced intelligence and sharp humour, written for grown-ups and that's a much rater find.

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Top theatre designer Stefanos Lazaridis has turned to opera direction, opening with some bold Bartók. Hilary Finch reports

THE ARTS

Fading artwork

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Something amazing and appalling has happened to BBC Television's arts programme policy: it is essentially that there no longer appears to be one. Consider what happened last night. Arena, supposedly the Corporation's flagship arts show, and the natural successor to Monitor and Omnibus returned to BBC 2 for the new season at the end of a week which has seen the dancers' dispute at Covent Garden, the Royal Shakespeare Company announcing 2 likely £2 million deficit, the arrival of Stephen Soudheim as Oxford's first visiting professor of theatre, preparations for the first staging of A Clockwork Orange at the Bar-blean, the continuing crisis of Britain's museums, the opening of a major London mime festival and the sudden collapse of the Peggy

Lee tour. Any or all of that might be a fit subject for an arts programme last night. Not a bit of it. *Arena* gave inself over instead to a meandering indulgence on the nature of erology, with Janet Street-Porter wittering on about why Network 7 was not called Network 6 while waiters in London hotels supplied China cats to avoid there

eing 13 at table.
This random anthology of ghts about numbers might have been all right in its own vague way if somewhere else in the output the BBC was showing any sign of an awareness of what is happening day by day in the arts. But apart from The Late Show on the trendier fringes of avant-garde culture, and Barry Norman's longlasting, admirable weekly guide to the current cinema, the BBC would seem to have renounced all attempts to reflect the performing arts in this country, leaving the field clear to The South Bank Show, Signals and OI For London, all of which have given ITV and Channel 4 superiority in the field.

Talking of Channel 4, the Soviet Spring season continued with the start of a two-part documentary (to be concluded tonight at 8 pm but maddeningly only in London and Yorkshire, for unfathomable networking reasons) on the relationship between art and autherity in the Soviet Union and the United States.

The Scottish film-makers Murray and Barbara Grigor have seen strong similarities in the architecture of Stalin's Moscow and Roosevelt's Washington, and though their interviews do not pursee the parallels as far as they might, the two films add up to one of the best contributions yet to 2 season that is turning into a major breakthrough in our understand-ing of the Soviet Union's immedi-

Slinking into the light and dark Stefanos Lazaridis some six years ago about his designs for English National Opera's Rusalka and Osud, his conundrum was "do you leave the piece to speak for itself

through the music, or do you go under the skin, under the metaphor?" Since working with David Pountney (Midsummer Marriage.

Lady Macbeth) and Lyubimov (Fidelio, Tristan, The Possessed), Lazaridis has pursued still further his near-obsessive desire to reach the very nerve-centre of an opera through a lucid and cohesive chain of images. He has now turned to direction: next week, Scottish Opera will unveil his new production of Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle, presented in a double-bill with Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex.

Brought up in Ethiopia until he was 18, with no theatre at all, Lazaridis set his sights on being a film director. In England, he was bored by the Central School of Speech and Drama; he looked for hands-on work, and found it in the company of designers.

Since then he has been one of the most sought-after designers in both opera and theatre, and has won several awards. "But in the back of my mind - for the last 10 years I would say - I felt directing was what my whole system wanted. I had firm offers to direct. But I still resisted. I was a coward. How do you start a career in your mid-forties?

He ended up slinking in by the back door. After designing Oedi-pus Rex for Opera North eight years ago, he was asked to stage its 1988 revival. "Nobody knows I did it! But I think I got it better than it used to be. I didn't have the guts, incidentally, to do it on my own ..." Michael Hunt, who collaborated then, will be

Lazaridis' co-director in Glasgow. Then Richard Mantle, Scottish Opera's Managing Director, put forward the idea of going solo in Bluebeard. "I instantly said yes. It was an instinctive response."

It is ironic, though curiously ant that Lazaridis' directing debut should come with a work for long considered unstageable, and frequently seen only in concert performance. Plot and action are minimal, as Judith confronts Bluebeard and persuades him to open his seven forbidden doors. Light and image are all. So did Lazaridis work from the visual image outwards?

"No! In fact the reverse was true. I went at once for the dramaturgical aspects of the opera, reading about Bartók and deciding what it all meant for me. This is a very personal interpretation. I actually had great difficulty coming up with a design that would serve the direction. I even thought, at one point, of engaging another designer."

Lazaridis may have to move only two people about, but he has on his hands, in Kodály's words, "a musical volcano that entpts for 60 minutes of compressed tragedy,



Stefanos Lazaridis: exploring the idea of the quest for self through lucid and cohesive chains of images

and leaves us with only one desire: to hear it again." How did he begin to find a way in?

The presence of Oedipus Rex was a stimulus. "They're both examinations of marriage. And they are both thrillers. There are Biblical hints, too, which excite the imagination. Think of Judith and Holofernes: Judith the castrator. Think of Judith as Eve. or as Lot's wife. Is curiosity about not being allowed to look? Or is it that something can be seen pro-

vided the other person can allow

you to see it? Do you persevere, or

wait till the right moment? Bar-tók's Judith can't find that moment. She digs further into his soul, into areas that must, for the time being, be left alone."

Isn't Lazaridis taking a male-

dominating view of the legend; falling into the same trap as Bartók's commentator Serge Moreux who claims that the moral of it all is that a woman in a man's life must be discreet, so as not to violate the hidden places of the "I could have focused on the

theme of man as loner, as the great

structed above the dark, mottled space were beginning to make sense. I was incautious enough to ask whether the doors were all going to be on different levels? "What are doors? There is a pathway from heaven down into Bluebeard's pit. There is the possibility of light. And light is spirit. Judith can be almost a Christ figure. She arrives to cleanse; but does she arrive of her own volition? Or does Bluebeard bring her? That is the question."

Now Lazaridis's zigzag of sus-

pended walkways being con-

I remarked, rather more cautiously, on the four-poster bed and the table and chair. "Yes. They are both areas where one consumes. are they not? And they will be used for that purpose. The violence on that stage is phenomenal."

Small wonder that Lazaridis is now turning down more work than he is accepting. Not for him an epic Semiramide at Nice or a starry Barber at the Met. "I want to continue along this vein, exploring the idea of the human being, the quest for the self, and the agony of finding a way in which to co-exist with one's fellow beings." He is designing David Pountney's new Macheth ENO, and there is the possibility of his directing a Salome in Berne. Plenty of scope for the animus and anima there.

The double-bill of Bluebeard's Castle and Oedipus Rex opens at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, next

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The Seasons

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As many as 20 first violins, H.C. Robbins Landon's copious programme notes told us, may have been used for the first performances of Haydn's The Seasons in Vienna. At the beginning of the piece one wished that John Eliot Gardiner had taken advantage of that precedent, for here the wind players put their string colleagues in the shade as far as balance was concerned, though things improved.

And why did Gardiner place the solo singers near the back of the orchestra? Distance helped none of them communicate the spirit of their roles. The soprano, Brigitte Poschner,

sounded particularly remote from the work, almost reluctant to dare to put colour into her contributions. A pity, for one senses in her

Unseasonal winds

an unusually radiant Hanne. Fortunately Lukas and Simon (the tenor Anthony Rolfe Johnson and the marvellous young bass, Gerald Finley) managed to span the physical gap better, though without ever quite achieving the immediacy that their standing in the traditional position front of stage would have encouraged.

Yet more serious was the appar-

ent loftiness of Gardiner's general approach, at least in the first two seasons. "Spring", for all the outward resplendence of the Monteverdi Choir's singing, which was to be as sturdy as ever throughout the evening, showed no real, inner joy, while the warmth of "Summer" lay on its surface, not at its heart. There were impressive individual moments: the sudden transformation "Summer" from Hanne's motionless recitative to the violent storm chorus was one; another was the long crescendo

marks the rising of the sun Moreover the level of the English Baroque Soloists' technical accomplishment was high throughout, but that could not compensate for the vital lack of real, human sparkle in Gardiner's interpretation, for all the detailed work he had obviously put into phrasing and such things. Was he here too conscious of the greatness

As a dramatic unity, and as a reflection of the work's dual spiritual and worldly nature, "Autumn" was infinitely better. Here Gardiner seemed suddenly to lose his self-consciousness, surrendering himself and the whole company, including four splendid horn players, to the traditional The shackles loosened, "Win-

ter", with its weaving song and Simon's grave moralizing aria, had the right atmosphere of cosy rumination, definitively leaving

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Kenny Wheeler

Queen Elizabeth Hall An almost tangible glow of good-

will hung above this opening date of Kenny Wheeler's 60th birthday tour. Few musicians arouse as much affection - and protectiveness - as the Canadian-born trumpeter. If the big band charts composed for this Arts Council tour fell below Wheeler's usual standards, the South Bank andience seemed more than willing to forgive him.

Not that there could be any complaints about the players assembled on stage. The main work of the evening was a sevenpart suite, offering cameo roles for most of the 19 players.

The last time Wheeler per-formed with a big band in London was with Orchestra UK, an all-star group whose début concert promised more than it delivered.

A mass of happiness enough objective, though after a

problems was how to integrate the singing of Norma Winstone. The now castomery solution - simply allowing the scat vocals to trace the melody alongside the ensemble

had the effect of reducing the music to one tasteful, homogenous

Ego that must be fed. But I'm

more interested in trying to find a

way of co-existing, physically and spiritually, the man with the

woman - or, within oneself, the

animus and the anima. No har-

mony can be reached without a

certain amount of compromise, be

it with yourself or with someone

eise. In the opera, though, Blue-

beard is there: Adam. He lives

within the world of the sub-

conscious. And Judith is the

instrument which arrives in order

for the carthartic process to

Audiences outside London may get a better deal. This is, after all, the kind of band which grows with each performance. On this evening at least, Wheeler fans will probably have been happiest when the trumpeter opened the second half backed solely by his quintet. Dave Holland's elegaic "Blues For CM" provoked the sort of spirited

The art of the improvising nist forms the theme of the first Jazz Services tour of the new year. With a line-up consisting of Django Bates, Alex Maguire and Akemi Kunyoshi-Kuhn, the emphasis is on the modern end of the

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her soprano which momentarily

disturb as they should in David

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lacking earlier.

playing which had sometimes been

performance lasting well over two hours all but the most devoted listeners must have come away feeling sated. Maguire in particular seized the

audience's attention with one of his aggressive, collage-like agglomerations of styles shuffling bop phrases with lines borrowed from the classical avant-parde. Of the three, Bates has the least experience in this format. Dressed

in black blazer and multi-coloured trousers, he did his best to undermine the solemn atmosphere. Most of his work with Loose Tubes and Human Chain relies on quirky pastiche and electronics. The more lyrical dimension is usually kept under wraps. His set opened with a furious

percussive pattern, but soon retreated to a more tentative framework, sketching ideas rather than fleshing them out. The same noncommittal mood hung over the

Colourful twirls

Paul Griffiths

Scottish Early Music Consort Wigmore Hall

This was an entertaining portrait of 13th-century Paris from the Scottish group whose name fairly places them in the David Munrow tradition. Their stylistic and historical range is vast, from medieval liturgical drama to Burns-period songs and dances. They field a colourful mixture of voices and instruments: here a vocal trio with recorders, harp, fiddles and percussion. And their performances are strongly characterized.

For example, we heard the mezzo Fiona Milne and baritone Alan Watt falling progressively under the table during a song in praise of beer, and Milne brought out the erotic urgency of the anonymous Lai des amants (though this seemed well justified by the ostinatos of melody and rhyming, including at one point 12 consecutive lines with the same thyme).

But there were also moments of

Iain Paton's fine account of "En mai, quant li rossignolet", given with the simplest recorder interludes. At odd times, too, the tartan showed through, as in the bagpipe drones and skirling melodic or-naments of "Olim sudor Hercules".

The vitality, the vividness and the virtuosity of these musicians not to mention their Scottishness - made them naturals for Judith Weir, whose Scenes from 13thcentury Parisian Life was written for them in 1987 and cunningly devised to fit into a programme of original music from the period. One number draws on Pérotin's Viderunt omnes, and on the nearness of its long melismas to stylized laughter; all set Latin texts from treatises, and use a musical language that chimes with the 13th century but has all of Weir's usual amused disbelief.

Perhaps the most brilliant of the four scenes is the demonstration of the notes that can be played on the rebec, taking Paton up to a high C à la Pavarotti, but there is also a finny little lecture on sheep gutting (with pizzicato accompaniment on the eventual product), a musical biography rendered as aural comic strip, and a sage commentary on French song illustrated with examples from nearer our own time.

spot-on success from both comclearer, more lyrical singing and poser and ensemble. lighter scoring, such as the tenor

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

In Pursuit of the **English** Lyric Studio

From the start, something seems wrong. A young woman arrives with suitcases on a smoke-filled stage where a postman does a little dance, someone else bangs spoons on his knees, and couples undulate and smooth in the murk to period. songs. Is this really the shabby, exhausted London to which Doris Lessing came "in pursuit of the English" in 1949?

Yes, it is - or so Matthew Francis, directing Katie Campbell's adaptation of Lessing's marvellous memoir, would have us believe. When the action moves into the shambling lodging-house where she eventually laid her head, one feels fresh hope. There are now interestingly complex individuals to get to know. But even then the production does not get much less feverish, incoherent

Admittedly, Lessing's book is not easily dramatized. Though it brims with dialogue, one is always aware of her eye and mind, cannily observing and interpreting. The solution here - occasionally to let Melanie Jessop's Doris break into monologue while still conversing with others, seems half-hearted and confusing.

and unsubtle.

One can accept some of the

Lesser of Lessor



Neighbours: Sheila Reid, the landlady, and Melanie Jessop as Doris

adapter's liberties. No doubt she is right to omit dogs, kittens and children, and perhaps right to compress a misused wife and two rather sexier tenants into one allpurpose tart. But when she takes two scenes to describe a spiv's attempt to lure Lessing into profitably libelling him, why are we denied the funniest episode in the book, a Dickensian court-case involving an elderly couple who have sprinkled pepper on their landlord's tulips?

True, some good reportage survives the transition from page to stage. "There's no God, we're apes," remarks a passer-by. "But they don't tell the working man unless he gets out of hand." There are other times, too, when one realizes that Pinter's surreal London is the real London. But too often the evening consists of

lessening rather than Lessing. Sometimes one feels the book is

being simplified to emphasize the uglier aspects of Englishness: racism, greed, domestic violence. is sensitively played by Pippa Guard; but you would hardly imagine from Richard Avery and Sheila Reid's performances that her wrangling landlord and landlady were (respectively) quite and very sympathetically treated in the original. Her wonderful warmth

Edward Bond's savagely accusing

Pountney's gently disturbing production. But she can rival the Doris's repressed friend, Rose. blackbird and lark when she wakes in the woods: her exultant dawn song is a show-stopper.

as Gretel

becomes muted, his temper horribly extreme. That, perhaps, is the fundamental accusation: Lessing has been denied her wry affection for even her nastier characters. What began as a Cockney Salad Days ends as something not unlike

The miracle of it all is that these Babes of the Fifties — Gretel with

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MARCY HOULDE

her grey cardie and pigtails, Har.sel with his long shorts and scuffed knees - could be re-cast and still maintain their Playhour perception. Ethna Robinson's Hansel had created a hard act to follow: now Christine Botes, uncoordinated, retrousse, and doubtless rather smelly too, is an entire boy. Hocus pocus! With a twitch of the

As far as this production's Mother/Witch identification is concerned. Pauline Tinsley's strength is in the former incarnation where Felicity Palmer's had been in the latter. When, harrassed and poverty-worn, she threatens to tear her children limb from limb, we, like they, believe every word; and it is the voice in its unflagging power and expressive range that most richly bewitches in her alter ego.

Donald Maxwell is a somewhat young Father. What he lacks in sheer world-weariness, he makes up for in all the repressed energy of the frustrated breadwinner which rises out of his well-nurtured. resonant baritone. James Holmes. waving his wand in the pit, keeps the orchestral magic live.



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mprovised drama is Thespian heaven: the animals take over the zoo for the afternoon and show the keepers how feeding times should be organized. On television (Mike Bradwell and Mike Leigh) it consciously apes the principle of group therapy that ensures a fair crack of the whip for each participant.

Whereas on camera a group of actors assuming diverse personalities tend to resemble nothing so much as a group of actors, the same idea on radio requires an altogether subtler technique to

achieve the same effect. It is rather like the handball law in association football: remove the prime natural tools and you have to develop blinding skills in other

departments. Inside Me (Radio 4, Thursday) was conceived and directed by Adrian Mourby, and played with an extraordinary brand of naturalistic exactitude by Tessa Gear-

Improvised pictures

Much of their dialogue, to be sure, was repetitious, and the storyline trod a safe enough path a young married woman cannot bring herself to tell her widowed mother about her pregnancy for reasons of connubial friction, familial skeletons and a pall of Catholic guilt - but its eavesdropping on painful intimacies sug-gested what might be done with

ing, Glenys Evans and Greg the format elsewhere. Above all, it Cullen. somehow achieved the rare distinction of liberating the listener from mental pictures of the cast, the mike, the headphoned boffin and the effects door in its

orphaned frame. These items and more were concreted into the mind's eye by the latest broadcast offering from the prolific Howard Barker. The Early Hours of a Reviled Man (Radio 3, Tuesday) is a title that

might be a translation from the Czech, and the eponym, a GP practising in a slum district and writing a novel and living on the sour glories of his Fascist past, might conceivably exist.

Ian McDiarmid in the title role handsomely completed the overloading process by giving every speech the full polychrome

A wine critic could have a field day on this actor's vocal wizardry vinegar, butterscotch, barbed wire, a complex admixture of rust - but the sum effect is to cancel





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girl of the title. Ugo Benelli enjoys the pomposity and good humour

least because of Nikolaus Har-

Sight out of mind

dent of the play for which it was devised, Purcell's Fairy Queen score ought to be an ideal opera for the ear, besides being the musical feast it appears in this very winning new recording. Its very independence, though. makes it hard for the unaided ear to reconstruct the context: instead of discovering five masques as ornaments to an adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, one tends to hear just a long sequence of songs and dances. Perhaps that is one reason why the music seems naive; but there is another reason, less easily overcome, for this music's apparent innocence, which is that we hear Purcell as proto-Handel. This is the child-

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bood of the baroque. Much of the glory of the new recording comes from William Christie's acceptance of that: there is a great freshness to the singing, to the playing, and to the orchestration, for an ensemble which, though small, includes just about every possible instrument of the period, from high recorders to guitar and tambourine. Almost every number has its own colour, sometimes with the help of special effects, such as the bassoon elissandos in the Drunken Poet scene or the frosty shimmerings, bered from King Arthur, in Winter's song.

Just occasionally one might think the characterization tactless, as when the "Dance for the Followers of Night" is done with mandolinesque violin tremolos and tambourine shakes. Curtis Price, in his definitive study of Purcell's theatre music, calls this "arguably the most bizarre piece Purcell ever wrote", but here it

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becomes merely the most bizarre piece Christie ever scored.

Against that, though, one has to weigh more than two hours of delicious music making, where, as is proper, nearly all the songs dance and nearly all the dances

The soloists are mostly non-British, but any foreign accenting is light and part of the fun: one would not be without, for example, Jérôme Corréas's studied vowels adding a touching hushed caution to his lovely deep bass in Sleep's air. Nancy Argenta leads the sopranos with a shining vi-brato-less brilliance, and the counter-tenor numbers are happily transferred to a clear-toned high tenor, Charles Daniels. Everyone seems to be having a wonderful time, and there is every encouragement to join them. Some of the zest of this record-

ing must be due to the fact that it followed staged performances at Aix last summer. Meanwhile in Brussels, the Monnaie was putting on La finta giardiniera, and a recording of that occasion provides the first CD version of an opera that is rapidly joining the Mozart canon, while remaining at a certain remove - not because the music is immature, but rather because it takes control too disconcertingly well by the standards of Figaro or Don Giovanni

of the Podesta, and Marek Torzewski provides the folly and ardour of the young Count Belfiore, whom the music has to divert from Arminda back to Sandrina through its education of the senses. There is, finally, a lively pair of servants in the brilliant Elzbieta Szmytka (quite a (though perhaps not by those of find) and the darkly solid Russell Cost). That the characters are Smythe. Sylvain Cambreling ofpuppets is not surprising; what fers nimble accompaniment. Anyastonishes is their self-consciousone who saw last year's wonderful ness as puppets, so that they can Opera North production will want tell us about the orchestra (the this recording. So will anyone else. Podestà's remarkable first aria) or Takers for the new Don about the musical styles of dif-Giovanni may be rather fewer, not

noncourt's brusque conducting, which squashes out any rhythmic accomplices with the composer in a display of his operatic powers. sophistication, kills drama by overstatement, races in fast temnot minding that this involves them in a tortuous and implaupos, and avoids (as far as the Concertgebouw will allow) all sible plot embracing more than the usual run of mistaken identibloom on the sound. The cast is ties, self-delusions, misalliances variable. Thomas Hampson as the and uncomfortable awakenings. Don sings with a snarling male in a sense the plot seems even strength, but his limited sense for more arcane in this recording, the words makes him blank as a since one hears all the sounds of seducer. László Polgár, by contrast, provides a Leporello brought the theatre - laughter, applause, recorded birdsong, footsteps, up in the theatre. Edita Grucrashes, presumably pregnant si-lences, an awful lot of crockery berova, her last aria apart, is disappointing as Donna Anna, being dished about - without any and Roberta Alexander has movisual explanation. But never ments of real trouble as Elvira, mind. This is a piece made for the though Barbara Bonney's Zerlina illusions of theatre, and the seven is as exquisite as one might expect: it might almost be worth getting the set just for her performance. Lani Poulson has the least Hans Peter Blochwitz sounds like rewarding part in the stuffy breeches role of Ramiro. Malvina a Lieder artist singing Don Ottavio: much better in the Major is charmingly crisp, bril-



Shining brilliance: Nancy Argenta leads the sopranos in this winning new version of Purcell's Fairy Queen

successful 1987 début. The

CLASSICAL UPDATE Schoenberg: Five Orchestre Pieces, Berg: Luio Suite Auger, CBSO/Rattle (EMI CDC 7 49857 2)

A stunner. Rattle and the astonishing Birmingham orchestra make Schoenberg and Webern sound as ferociously dramatic as Berg, and Berg is intensified to the

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Onlenc's music for wind in-Poulenc: Chamber Music Ensemble Wien-Berlin/Levine (DG struments is a charivari of 427 639-2) faces and moods (Hilary

array of musical characters as distinctive as the Ensemble Wienperky, forthright treatment at the Berlin, its own profile is sharpened: these 70 minutes of sonatas, trios and sextets track a valuable itinerary through the composer's career. The soloists are drawn from the Vienna and Berlin Philharmonics. Hansjörg Schellenberger's oboe and Milan Turkovic's bassoon

The Sextet, played as a living mockery: they catch exactly the mirror effect of Poulenc reflecting Stravinsky reflecting the Spohr's courteous Nonet. Sp 18th century in the early Trio for piano, oboe and bassoon. James Levine is the pianist, and his playing is a constant delight. Karl Leister is entrusted with the 1962 Clarinet Sonata, published after Pouleuc's death and,

like the Flute Sonata of 1956, The unnamed string quartet which joins the Eusemble Wienbreathing the muffle and inflection of the human voice. Leister's clarinet twitches with every ambiguity of mood in the first ent with its echoes of La Volx Humaine, and in the steady, understated awe of the Gloria-The Flute Sonata receives

Wagner: Das Rheingold Soloists, Bavarian RSO/Haltink (EMI CDS 7 49853 2) (two

compact discs) Fitfully marvellous. James Morris's Wotan is oustandingly authoritative; Theo Adam puts his all into a lusty Alberich; and Donner, Fasolt and Fatner make this a Rheingold rich in the depths. Haitink is spacious, and sometimes suddenly engaged.

Spotr/Martinu: Nonets Ensemble Wien-Berlin (DG 427 640-2)

hands of Wolfgang Schulz; the Horn Elegy (in memory of Dennis Brain) rages against the dying of that particular light. Gunter Hogner tightly controls its extremes: he and Levine track each others' shadows with concentrated expression through its paradoxes of musical and physical life.

drama, leaves one on far too much of a high to listen straight away to client was none other than Johann Tost from Haydn's Esterbázy orchestra: he delivered notes by the centimetre, emphasizing the individual characters of each instrument by relentlessly amiable exposition and imitation.

Berlin converses good-naturedly, even tenderly in the Adagio. But it is something of a relief to get to Martinu's Nonetto of 1959, with its bracing outdoor celebration of Bohemian music-making - and, incidentally, 35 years of the Czech

Going for a song

attracted such hungry audiences. But the voracious appetite for the song recital is hardly matched by evidence of new creativity in writing for the voice; and three years ago, the city of Zurich decided to do something about it.

liant and sure of herself as

Arminda, and Joanna Kozlowska

brings the necessary greater

warmth and softness to the part of

Sandrina, the pretending garden

ferent nations (Nardo's aria in Act

2). They seem to be willing

principals are excellent.

The centenary of the birth of the Swiss composer Othmar Schoeck provided the incentive for a series of commissions of songs with piano accompaniment from six living (and largely middle-aged) Swiss composers, in order to stimulate interest in Lieder as an "artform of the future". This double CD presents the fruits for the city's enterprise, and also unearths some valuable early recordings of Schoeck's own songs, accompanied by the composer himself.

Schoeck, who lived in Zurich until his death in 1957, writes from outside time: his voice is almost more romantic than postromantic, with ghosts of Schumann hovering close to those of Wolf and Pfitzner. Hermann Hesse praised him for "penetrating to the germinal cell of each poem"; and while the innocent ear would be hard put to identify any one of his songs, each one lives its own vivid life to the full.

Every note tells in the Frühlingslieder, with their robustly independent accompaniments, recorded in 1953 by Sylvia Gahwiller. The early Morike songs, "Peregrina" and "An meine Mutter" surface with vigorous, histrionic energy from the crackles

Lieder von Othmar Schoeck Jecklin (Pinnacle JS 270/1-2) (two compact discs)

recitatives than in the arias. But

Robert Holl is an interesting

Commendatore still in his prime,

and Anton Scaringer makes a

bristly, grave-voiced Masetto.

of Elisabeth Gehri's 1942 recording the later songs from "Der Sanger", sung by Ernst Haefliger, seize on the Zurich poet Leuthold's words with new direct-

Most obvious and graphic homage is paid to Schoeck by Rainer Boesch, whose settings of Hesse were written to follow a performance of Schoeck's own spare and dark "Das Ziel". Boesch's own language, tonal and gently rhapsodic, is in marked contrast to the iconoclastic 32-year-old Regina Irman. Her settings of Adolf Wölfli's "songsheet" can mean all or nothing, sense or nonsense in their syllabic play with words and fragments of words: they are simply fun, and provide a virtuoso platform for the androgynous mezzo of Verena Barbara Gohl.

Somewhere in between come Peter Wettstein's and Josef Haselbach's vestigial déjà vu settings, prepared pianos, chord clusters and all, and Katharina Sallenbach's shorthand surreal. And, best of all, there are Dieter Jordi's Spuren ("traces", or "clues"), cryptic little epigrams formed of tiny splinters of Eichendorff, medieval verse, and 20th-century graffiti. His is the most original voice in an anthology which ultimately fails to reassure us that Lieder are alive and well and living in Zurich.

Hilary Finch

Donald D Notorious (Epic/Rhyme Syndicate 486087 2) Repetitous post-NWA gangster rap on the usual subjects - guns, the police, and why Donald D is so much tougher than everyone else on the block. The Christians Colour (Island

ROCK UPDATE

842 268-2) Precisely crafted but disappointing follow-up to their

discreet charm of "Words", and "Greenbank Drive" is undermined by the bulk of anodyne material aimed squarely at the middle-of-the-road pop-soul market. Rodney Crowell Keys to the

Highway (CBS 466002 1) Striking collection of highenergy country honks and lachrymose ballads from the former member of Emmylou Harris's Hot Band and Mr Rosanne Cash.

Nyman/Greenaway Soundtracks (Venture VEBN 55) Boxed set which gathers together Nyman's evocative minimalist soundtracks for the Draughtsman's Contract, The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover, A Zed & Two Noughts and Drowning by Numbers.

DEPECHE MODE

Eighties in a curious stylistic limbo. Having made an initial

impression as bantamweight synth-pop

Life" and "Just Can't Get Enough"

their songwriter Vince Clarke abruptly

left the group (to form Yazoo and later Erasure). Martin Gore, whose fascina-

tion with the hard, mechanical Euro-pean sounds of Kraftwerk and

epeche Mode spent most of the

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A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 13 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent entries are designed to be pasted and misses of rock history.

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, album during that time. The to form an instant guide to the hits

DEF LEPPARD

f the acts featured in this series, few can rival Def Leppard's obsessive quest for perfection and corresponding paucity of output just four albums released in almost 13 years of trading. Of these, High 'n' Dry (1987) Pyromania (1983) and Hysteria (1987) were all Mutt Lange-produced multi-million sellers. Although sounding initially like a poor boy's Thin Lizzy, the Shetfield school churns made respect- Depeche Mede: Dave Gahan able inroads on the UK market as front runners in the so-called New Wave of British heavy

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metal. But Lange, also renowned for his work with AC/DC, spotted a vast potential in the United States. By coolly harnessing the group's stadium-sized instrumental clout to a collection of MTV/radio-friendly melodies, he tashioned a laundered but particularly virulent strain of commercial hard rock and, in *Pyromania* (9 million sold) produced an album which ushered in the era of heavy metal's dominance of the American rock mainstream. Hysteria turned the same trick, producing no less than four Top 10 singles on the way.



Einsturzende Neubauten was matched by an interest in fetishistic leather and bondage chic, took over the songwriting reins, and before long the band was dishing up sterner material such as "Master and Servant" and "Blasphemous Ru-mours". They quietly acquired gravity and a huge international following, but without reaping the kind of critical acclaim accorded to contemporaries like New Order. Last year's double live album, 101, supplies a satisfying cross-section of hits — including "Behind the Wheel", "People are People" and "Everything Counts" — and underlines the group's ability to forge great music irrespective of idiom.

NEXT WEEK: Dire Straits, Bob Dylan

Out of Africa

1827 Clive Davis

Abdullah Ibrahim & Ekaya African

continent are never far from the

surface on Abdullah Ibrahim's

River (Enja 6018) Hugh Masekela Uptownship (Novus 83070) African Dawn, Echoes From Africa, The Children of Africa, memories of the

His work has been getting a wide hearing lately. Many of his African recordings from the Seventies have been filtering through on Kaz, a label which has also re-issued some of the best work by his group, Ekaya. Apart from several concerts in London most of them stunning successes his atmospheric music turned up in Claire Denis's feature film, Chocolat.

The soundtrack, Mindif, found Ibrahim (alias Dollar Brand) moving to the very edge of folk music. On African River he returns to the more familiar Ekaya format, with a line-up which includes trombonist Robin Eubanks and the alto and soprano player Horace Young Howard Johnson takes care of the tuba, trumpet and baritone saxophone duties.

Alongside Ibrahim's resonant, Ellington-influenced piano, the dominant voice in recent editions of the band has been Ricky Ford, a tenor saxophonist capable of swinging between township bop and the smoky wail of Ben Webster. His replacement here, John Stubblefield (an Ibrahim associate of old) is a far more peppery soloist whose spiky thrusts often sound at odds with the more introspective melodies.

Previous albums also struck a balance between improvisation and arrangements. One dis-

that the soloists are given their head, stretching some of the pieces well beyond breaking point. Instead of conjuring up the grandeur of a Nile or a Congo, the title track is merely interminable. The shorter items are much

more successful "Toi-Toi" and 'Chisa" are the kind of kwelainspired tunes that Ibrahim can write almost at will, the drums pushed well to the fore. "Joan" goes back to his church roots, setting a mournful song over simple, hymn-like harmonies. The session closes with another stap at "The Wedding" and "The Mountain of The Night", which has turned up before as simply "The Mountain".

Ibrahim's partner in the Jazz Epistles, Hugh Masekela, is still hurtling down the crossover path. But while most jazz musicians sound hopelessly compromised vhen they stray into this territory, Masekela brings vitality and a hint if only a hint — of adventure.

Uptownship continues the sophisticated dance formula laid down five years ago on Technobush. Masekela's flugelhorn contribution is a little perfunctory at times - "No Woman, No Cry" and "If You Don't Know Me By Now" would hardly past muster in the early hours on Radio Two. The rest is irrepressible and unpretentious summer music.

JAZZ UPDATE

The Aiden/Barrett Quintet The ABQ Salutes Buck Clayton (Concord CCD4395) provides most of the arrancements for the quitartrombone combo led by Howard Alden and Dan Barrett, Brisk and tasteful chamber jazz rather than hot swing.

MINDSCORCHER by Denis Young

At the school where I teach the bass tuba, the 49 pupils come from Ayhill, Beemouth, Ceeford or Deeton. The first three places send us a prime number of pupils, but Deeton's is not a prime. And do you know what? Our power-crazed local authority has just ordered all council tenants in Ceeford to swap houses with those in Deeton. I know who comes from where right now, but I do not know who, if anyone, lives in a council house. I am told that there will be no other changes and that we will end up with at least two pupils from each place.

And I have worked out one more fact for myself. The numbers from three of the places will again be primes, while that from the fourth one will not. That is inevitable. More pupils come from where I live than from anywhere else. How many?

LINKWORDS by Clive Doig

Starting with the word CLASP, change one of the letters and rearrange, if necessary, to arrive at the answer to the next clue. Continue until you arrive at GRAND.

Write down the letter which has been substituted each time: these are an anagram of an 11-letter word. CLASP S

A long weapon	
Dug out boat	
To reconcile	
Ringworm	
A trick or amazing antic	
Short garment	
Dracula's title	
One who looks for talent	
To freewheel by the seashore	
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Anagram clue: Mere guesswork Answers next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

House Number: 735 - product 105, sum 15, divisor 7. (Mrs Bright lived at number 36 - product 18, sum 9, divisor, 2.)

New Year Jumbo solution

Here is the solution to The Times New Year Jumbo Crossword competition published on December 30. The five winners, who each receive a prize of £50, are Bill Scott, of Revell Road, Downham Market, Norfolk; Miss R. A. M. Jamieson, Gordon Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex; C. A. Rooke, Belmont Road, Kilmacolm, Renfrenshire, Scotland; J. H. Hoare, Weaponness, House, Deepdale Avenue, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and L. H. Williams, Somerset. Drive, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

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GARDENING

Many rare varieties of the not-so-humble potato are under threat of extinction, Francesca Greenoak reports

When the chips are down

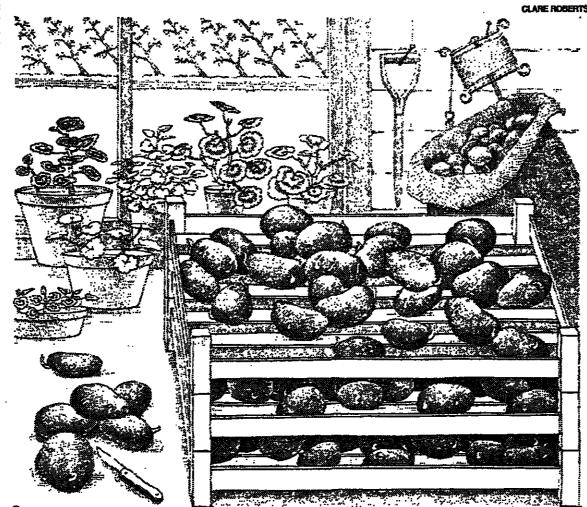
uch are the peculiar ebbs and flows of the cultural tide that the potato, respected as the food of the gods in the pre-Inca Chavin civilization in Peru, is usually referred to in Britain as a "humble" food. It is, in fact, nutritious and easy to grow. It transferred well from the Andes to Europe, though intensive cultivation has only been practised here during the past two centuries. Like the rose, the cultivated potato has so long been associated with humanity that its precise origins are obscured by thousands of years of selection and cross-breeding.

In January we sort our seed potatoes into trays to sprout or investigate the potato bins in the garden centres to see what kinds are on offer, so this is a good time for The Good Potato Guide to appear. Written by Lawrence Hills, the tireless defender of a wider choice in vegetables and founder of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, it gives a potted history of the potato, nutritional analysis, and a note of warning on its future prospects. Half the book is taken up with a detailed directory of the potatoes still available to the gardening public (a number of them are under threat of extinction), together with the names and addresses of the

All of the 88 different cultivars are described, and resistance or susceptibility to disease noted. (Don't be put off by the disease lists: it doesn't follow that a susceptible variety will fall victim, only that it should be avoided if local soil is

known to be infected.)
The book also explains how some good cultivars have already become extinct, although in 1973 there was a successful gardeners' uprising. Government regulations which would have made illegal several kinds of potato (including the much-loved, floury Duke of York) were dropped in the face of public outcry.

The Good Potato Guide pays Commence of the Property of States o tribute to the potato expert Don Maclean, who startled conventional visitors to the Royal Horticultural Show in 1979 with a splendid exhibit of 367 potato cultivars, for which he received a gold medal. Many gardeners benefited from this collection, which enabled us to grow some of the most interesting and unusual kinds of potato, including the rare and delicious Purple Congo. This variety has an indigoblack skin and floury, purple flesh. It is becoming more difficult to buy unusual varieties, principally



because the present system of keeping rarities in circulation has led to concentration on a few highly commercial types. As every gardener knows, the best way to maintain a variety is to grow as many different sorts as possible. Yet a potato variety which has been enjoyed and grown by a minority for years, now requires an "official maintainer" — somebody prepared to pay a fee of several hundred pounds to keep it on the official National List. Anyone else can then raise and sell that kind indepen-

dently of the maintainer. Compare this with the way that the large plant breeders work. They can take a plant whose complicated genetic inheritance may be the result of centuries of cultivation. then raise a new variety which differs distinctly in certain characteristics. Given that the changes are stable and uniform, and that the potato performs well

against a standard of "value in cultivation and use", the plant breeder can then claim exclusive rights for a period of years.

his weights the balance in favour of new varieties which are designed more for the farmer than for the gardener. It also means that only commercially grown top scilers are financially viable. While some new varieties are welcome, surely old cultivars should be able to remain on the National List without being penalized.

I am sorry that The Good Potato

Guide, with a few exceptions, does not attempt to describe or assess taste and flavour in the varieties. Hills had intended to do so, "but dropped the idea when we found that everyone had a different opinion". Perhaps now that supermarkets

are becoming more adventurous,

offering us named kinds of potatoes organically-grown ones, and epi-curean salad varieties such as Pink Fir Apple, gardeners will press for a more sensible system. It is, after all, immensely satisfying to grow a number of different varieties for yourself. Some seed companies, recognizing this, are selling varieties in small quantities (3kg) so that gardeners can experiment to find

their own favourites. Growing your own is already proving appealing in a year when potato prices have risen almost 300 per cent, and many suppliers are having difficulty in meeting demand. Their advice is to lose no time in buying your seed potatoes.

● The Good Potato Guide by Law-rence Hills is published by HDRA, The National Centre for Organic Garden-ing, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3LJ (£2.35 including p&p). Also Potato Growing, The Organic Way by Pauline Pears (£1 including p&p).

GROWING POTATOES

During January seed potatoes should be "chitted", that is, placed on a seed tray in a light, airy, frostfree place so that they can begin to sprout. The general rule is to allow between three and five sprouts to grow if a heavy crop of small to medium-sized potatoes is desired, only one or two if you require large baking potatoes (although this prac-tice varies with different varieties which may be more suited to one particular use).

The seed potatoes should be planted when the soil begins to warm, usually about April in southern parts, rather later in the north (if grass is growing well, the soil is ready for potatoes). Earlies can be planted rather closer together than main-crop varieties, and people working in fertile deep beds can afford to plant more deeply but fairly close. There is also a method of growing potatoes on the surface without digging, which entails covering the crop to keep sunlight from reaching the tubers and turn-

Apart from the early and main crop, there is an array of designations from first earlies through to late main-crop which allow you to get a succession and to plan your growing according to your require-

Remember, potato shoots are vulnerable to frost, so cover them with straw or newspaper if foliage is showing and ground frosts forecast.

WEEKEND TIPS

• Sow geranium seeds in a propagator at a temperature of 60-68°F/15-20°C. When the seedings are large enough to pick out into seed trays, reduce temperature to 55°F/13°C.

• Make a plan for vegetables to be grown this year, and lime ground where brassicas are to grow, and mazure for crops such as peas, beans and onlone.

● Begin to re-pot house and use plants which are pot-

 Prane large-flowered clematis hybrids (viticella and Jackmanii types), wisteria and honeysuckles.

 Sow hollyhocks, lupins, delphiniums and verbascs greenhouse to have plants which will flower later this year.

WEEKEND WALK

hauled coal, timber, lime or slate along the canal between Kendal and Lancaster or Preston. Today the tow-path provides an easy-to-walk highway through the gentle, rolling country of north Lancashire.

Start your walk at the carpark close to Longiands Hotel in Tewitfield, just off the M6. Use the black kissing gate to reach the end of the navigable section of the canal. Cross to the far side of the basin, where people sail miniature boats and fish for tench, reach and

Head south along a wide, grassy path bordered with elder and hazel. Pass under a bridge faced with dressed stone. Beyond bridge 135 stands the stately Borwick Hall.

Continue along the path, passing beneath bridge 134. Further on, just beyond the wood on the opposite bank, lies Capernwray Canal Arm, originally built as a link to a limestone quarry.



Stroll on along the path to the single span aqueduct carrying the canal, 35ft above the River Keer. Walk as far as you wish along this glorious. waterway and then return along the tow-path to the Longlands Hotel.

Mary Weish

WEATHER EYE

Wind of change

M ountaineers and ski-ers tend to think that the sudden changes in the weather and high temperatures associated with the Föhn are a peculiar product of the Alps. But, in fact, this is only the best known example of a widely occurring meteo-rological phenomenon, as the unseasonal warmth earlier this week demonstrated. Places such as Colwyn Bay, Aberdeen and Tyneside had temperatures more typical of late spring.

The reasons for these extremes are well understood. When mild moist air is forced to rise over mountains. occurs. This releases energy and removes the water, so that the leeward side of the mountains it warms rapidly to reach temperatures that are considerably higher than on the

Föhn winds occur in many parts of the world. They are common in winter and spring on the northern flanks of the Alps and to the east of the Rockies, where they are known as the Chinook.

The onset of Föhn winds can produce startling changes in temperature. In one case in

Alberta the arrival of a Chinook produced a rise of 21°C in four minutes.

In Britain the effects of mild south-westerly winds are less; spectacular. Nevertheless, Snowdonia, the Pennines and the Grampians are high enough to produce marked effects. This explains why last week the warmest places in thecountry were in the lee of these mountains, in areas which are not normally noted for wintertime warmth.

In the valleys on the northem side of the Alps where there are 30 to 40 Fohn-days a year, they affect all aspects of life. The combination of heat. condensation of water vapour and excessive dryness, plus strong gusty winds, cause irand removes the water, so that ritability and headaches, and when the dry air descends on are blamed for heart attacks, depression and suicides.

> But, while the sudden thaws in spring may be bad news for local inhabitants and skiers, they are a boon to agriculture, as one day of Fohn can remove more snow than two weeks of sunshine.

Here the effects are less dramatic: and the warmth and sunshine the Föhn winds bring can be a ray of hope during a long dark winter.

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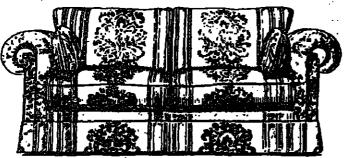
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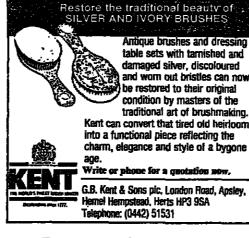
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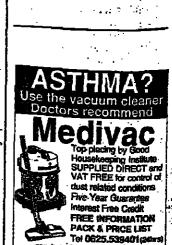




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merchandising success story,

Still from *Felix The Cat — The Movie*, to be released by New World Pictures

Felix the cat is back on the prowl. The Felix fad, which has already hit Japan, Hong Kong, Australia and the United States, seems set to take Europe by cuddly Felix toys. storm in 1990. This summer, a full-length Felix feature film goes on general release in Britain and, in the meantime, this chirpy, confident cartoon character is

catching, generally well-made merchandise. Manufacturers say it won't be long before we will be wearing Felix T-shirts and sweatshirts, sending Felix greetings cards, writing letters on Felix stationery, carrying Felix notebooks, sporting Felix brooches, umbrellas, pens and purses, carrying Felix shoul-der bags and luggage, waking up to Felix alarm clocks and checking

Licences being issued to British manufacturers by the copyright bolder's licensing agency, Deter-mined Productions of San Francisco, include those to companies making Felix duvet covers and

pillowcases, bathroom towels, kitchen textiles, lampshades, curtains, rugs and carpets, cushions, confectionery, leisure wear, boxer shorts, savings banks, photo frames, slippers, ear-muffs, keydiaries and, of course,

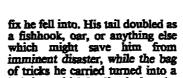
Many of these manufacturers will be showing their wares at Birmingham's annual spring trade fair next month, and merchandise will be in the shops by March.

Nor is it only new Felixalia
which is becoming cult and
collectable. Sotheby's reports that

a Felix toy made in 1928 sold for £462 at auction three years ago, outstripping its guide price by more than £250. So why has Felix survived when other cartoon characters have

come and gone? Perhaps the answer lies in his irrepressible personality and feline opportunism - the sort of mental and physical agility we would all adopt we had the chance. Felix's curious swa

his trademark as, with head bowed and paws clasped behind his back, he figured the best way out of each

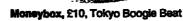


hole into which he dived when the going got too tough.
Unlike Disney's characters with their simplistic motives and all-good or all-bad traits, Felix was a more rounded character.

Andiences watching the early cartoons found it easy to relate to him. And with at least three generations of enthusiasts behind him, he seems set to be one of the most enduring folk

images of the century. It was a Sydney cabbie, Pat O' Sullivan, who created Felix the Cat. Sullivan (he dropped the Irish "O") was eking out a living in Australia drawing caricatures of boxing and racing celebrities.

In 1908 he headed for London, then America, and after trying his luck as a lightweight boxer, vaudeville theatre artiste and strip cartoonist turned his hand to the



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SHOPPING

emerging art of film animation. Although Felix's origins have never been fully documented, it is generally assumed that he was created for the 1919 silent film, Feline Follies.

Captivating his audiences around the time of Charlie Chaplin, and some 10 years before Mickey Mouse hit the screens, Felix embarked on a series of onereel adventures and starred in a comic strip drawn by Sullivan's animator, Otto Messner, which, by 1923, was being syndicated round the world in more than 70

The inevitable flood of toys which followed in the wake of Felix's popularity became the lucky mascots of sports teams and lone adventurers.

When Charles Lindberg flew across the Atlantic in 1927 he had a Felix mascot with him. Aviator Ruth Elder was not so fortunate, coming down mid-ocean on her attempted crossing and, although she was rescued, her Felix mascot was lost. In a story which made headlines around the world, Sullivan cleverly sent her a cable

saying "I am all right. Swam ashore. Will see you soon. Felix." As Felix became increasingly popular, Sullivan became richer, spending more time drinking and less in the studio.

Then tragedy struck. His wife, Marjorie, fell to her death from the couple's seventh floor apartment in New York in 1932 and, within a year, Sullivan died of a combination of heavy drinking and pneumonia, aged 45.
Although Messner continued to

draw the comic strip, Felix's popularity waned in the face of Walt Disney's sound-with-colour animation. And, though the American animator Joe Oriolo revived Felix for television in the late Fifties, somehow things were never quite the same. But

Felix kept on walking . . right into the Nineties, a come-back which only goes to show, if ever proof were needed. that lucky black cats - particularly have nine lives.



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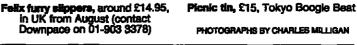
REVIEW

Enamel badges, £1.50 each, from the Museum of the Moving Image Shop, South Bank, London SE1





, £6, Tokyo Boogie Bea



Felix soft toy, £17.99, Covent Garden General Store

tal tin, £10, Tokyo Boogle Beat



Adding spice to our long love affair with the East is a new collection of wallpapers,

fabrics and tableware ver since early travellers started to bring

back goods from afar – silks, enamels and porcelain — oriental designs have fascinated westerners (Nicole Swengley wites). So this month Laura Ashley Home is celebrating Britain's long love-affair with the East by doing what the company does best - borrowing flavours from other sources and re-working them into a classic English look. Its Indian Story collection

reflects the rich, jewel-like colours of that country. "Clive", a fabric design inspired by a 19th-century document, features a trailing floral print in hot pinks and reds on a midnight-blue background. "Rajput", a small motif transisted into walipaper, was spotted by a Laura Ashley designer on a costume worn by an indian figure in a miniature

oil painting.
"Viceroy" is a design worked around a diamondhaped symbol on chintz Another chintz, named simply "India", combines freely painted Indian leaves with European flowers on a texfured background.

"Jaipur", a large monoprint of stylized trailing leaves and exotic flowers, has also parked two wallpapers — Samarkand" and "Jaipur Stripe". Since the stripe was important element in Indian design, there is a choice of three in this range.
The Chinoiserie Collection

s a timely excuse for Laura Ashley Home to expand its telection of Chinese chintzes and introduce a range of cre impired tableware. The "Chinoiseric Stripe"

Tulips" is a design based sign, available as a chintz or on the traditional bouquet







Top left: "Indie" cotton chintz, £11.95 a metre. Top right: "Clive" country furnishing cotton, £11.95. Above left: "Chinolaerie Stripe" cotton chintz, £11.75.

Above right: "Chinese Silk" tableware. Below: "Chinese Silk" soup tureen, £125

wallpaper, is based on tra-ditional delicate Chinese watercolours, while the "Chinese Silk" tableware flavours the classic elegance of English crockery with a trailing Chinese flower design. Also available is a blue-andwhite lamp base, using designs taken from Chinese export-

ware of the early 19th century. As a tribute to the 19thcentury Grand Tour, the Laura Ashley design team turned to France for the inspiration which has provoked a selection of small floral prints such as "Arabella", a furnishing cotton combining floral and trellis stripes on a sprigged background, and "Meadowbank", a simple print of miniature flowers.

The Provence look is re-flected in the "Contemporary Prints" fabrics influenced by painters such as Matisse and



'Oriental flavours re-worked into a classic English look'

motif, while "Mosaic" is a splashy mass of colourful

Botany students took the Grand Tour to study flora and fauna, so Laura Ashley has translated their fine, naturalistic drawings into a series of fresh prints on spacy white backgrounds to give a lift to conservatories, kitchens, dining-rooms and halls.

rices for the chintzes range from £11.95 to £16.95 a metre, and from £7.45 to £9.45 a metre for the country furnishing cotton. Upholstery fabric starts at £13.95 a metre, and the wallpapers, measuring approximately 52cm wide by 10.05m, cost from £7.45 to £8.95 a roll. "Chinese Silk" tableware: soup tureen, £125; covered vegetable dish, £65; coffee pot, £36.50; cup and saucer, £14.95; milk jug £24.95. All are available from branches of Laura Ashley Home.

What do men fear most? Impotence? Infidelity?

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THE REMAINS OF THE DAY: The

showing. BBC1, Fri, 9.30-11.30pm.

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of such moments puts him on a par

The Photographers' Gallery, Print

show of women members of the

environment. Black and white and colour from fashion, advertising

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ROCK

DAVID SINCLAIR

young hopefuls with a singer in the Paul Rodgers mould (Bad Company, Free).

SLIDE: Good-rocking Scottish

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THEATRE BROADCASTING

TONY PATRICK

new Book at Bedtime is Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize BRITANNICUS: Sian Evans's winner about a butter reflecting on adaptation of the Racine tragedy, a lifetime of service in an English stately home, read by John Moffatt. Radio 4, Mon-Fri, 10.45-11pm. directed by David Fielding, with Paola Dionisotti. Crucible, Sheffield (0742 769922).

AFTER HENRY: Prunella Scales as Previews Thurs eve, Fri mat, opens the widow caught between a nosy mother (the splendid Joan ... BUS STOP: Jerry Hall makes her UK stage debut as Cherie (played by Marriyn Monroe in the film of Sanderson) and errant daughter in a new series of Simon Brett's gentle comedy. ITV, Tues, 8.30-9pm.

William Inge's play). With Shaun Cassidy, David Healy, Carolyn PLENTY (1985): Meryl Streep, with Jones, Stuart Milligan, Phil an impeccable English accent, as a Oesterman directs. Transfers directly to the West End. former Resistance fighter bored by the post-war world. First TV Palace, Wattord (0293 225671). Opens Thurs, Until Feb 17.

DON GIOVANNI: New musical version, by Nick Broadhurst and Tony Britten, of Mozart's opera, with Mark McGann, Sarah Payne, Terence Hillyer. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Previews from Fri. Opens Jan 29.

HAVE: British premiere of Hungarian Julius Hay's thriller with political underones. Janice Honeyman directs a cast including Estelle Kohler, Rob Heyland. The Pit, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Previews from Wed.

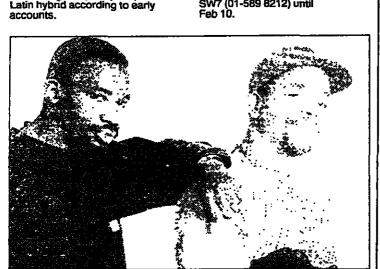
JOCK TAMSON'S BAIRNS: Blackcomedy, strictly non-traditional, version of a Burns Supper, featuring 25 actors, dancers and musicians of the Communicado company; devised by Gerry Mulgrew and Liz Lochhead. Tramway, Old Transport Museum, Glasgow (041 227 5511). Opens

Borderline, London WC2 (01-497 2261). Tues and Wed.

THE ALARM: Rhvi rabble rousers whose campaign on behalf of the Welsh language has not disguised the increasingly American flavour of their music. Tonight, Barrowlands, Glasgow

(041 226 4679), Mon, Network, Edinburgh (031 226 7010), Tues, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606), Wed, Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295); Thurs, St Georges Hall, Bradford (0274 752000). ERIC CLAPTON: One of our more

venerated guitarists, back for what he calls the rock equivalent of the Royal Albert Hall. London SW7 (01-589 8212) until Feb 10.



Ice-T: malevolent bravado with a heart of solid entrepreneurial gold

Ithough it has been the pedestrian Niggers With Attitude who have capitalized so neatly on the furore surrounding the Los Angeles "gangster rap" scene, it is the more sinister Ice-T who many consider to be the creator of "crime rhyme" and who now presides both as artist and auteur over the movement. Rap, which was invented in the Bronx, came late to the West Coast and there seems to have been a degree of over-compensation by some LA rappers to prove themselves as tough as the boys from back east. A teenage life spent on the streets of LA has steeped Ice-T in the folklore of gang violence and petty crime. "I ain't shot anybody but I know people who have" is a favourite boast, while the lyrics on his three albums abound with lurid tales of gratuitous violence, grossly detailed expressions of misogyny and complaints about infringements of his First Amendment right to speak his mind. But he has a heart of solid entrepreneurial gold, and Ice-T has steadily built up his own record company, Rhyme Syndicate (initial signings: Donald D. Divine Styler, Hijack), for which he has secured a big investment and distribution deal with Epic Records. Wed, Top Rank, Brighton (0273 732627); Thurs, Palace, Bradford (0274 724982); Fri, International 2, Manchester (061 236 2577); Jan 27, Brixton Academy, London SW7 (01-326 1022). OPERA

RICHARD MILDENHALL

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: New production of Berlioz's Beatrice and Benedict by Tim Albery and his Trojans team opens on Thurs at 7.30pm, with Ann Murray and Philip Langridge in the title roles Mark Elder conducts this, the opera's first professional staging in London. Further performances of revival of lan Judge's production of Gounod's Faust, Tues and Fri at 7.30pm; last two chances to see Hansel and Gretel tonight and Wed, also at 7.30pm. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

SCOTTISH OPERA: Stefanos Lazaridis's new production of Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle is unveiled on Wed at 7.15pm in a challenging double bill with Oedipus Rex. Kathryn Harries and Monte Jaffe are conducted by Waghtang Matchavariani in his British opera début. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234).

JAZZ

FLORA PURIM & AIRTO: One of Frith Street's regular attractions, the Latin couple are back for a three-week residency, Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747), Mon to Sat.

THIRD APPLES & SNAKES JAZZ POETRY FESTIVAL: Main attractions include Annie Whitehead, Jayne Cortez and Denardo (son of Ornette) Coleman. 968 8806), Thurs to Sat.

KENNY WHEELER: The ECM trumpeter's big band continues its Arts Council tour. Albert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419741) tonight; Haymarket Theatre, Leicester (0533 530021) tomorrow; Wilde Theatre, Bracknel (0344 484123) Tues; St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236) Wed Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool (051 709 3789) Thurs; Adrian Boult Hall Birmingham (021 236 3889) Jan 27.

EVIDENCE: Keyboard player Roland Perrin leads the spirited crossover band, mixing jazz, pop and Latin influences. Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476), Thurs.

GALLERIES

DAVID LEE THE BRITISH ART SHOW: Works by 40 young artists selected by pundits hoping to spot the inciplent trends of the 1990s.

The McLelian Galleries, Glasgow (041 331 1854). From Wed.

ROBERT MORRIS: Sculptures 1962-1980 by an American pop and conceptual artist. Runkel-Hue-Williams, London W1 (01-495 7017). From Thurs.

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE: The unveiling of the new and much-awaited re-hanging of the Tate's permanent collection. Tate Gallery, London SW1 (01-821 7128). From Thurs.



On the circle line: Richard Long

ichard Long won the highprestige Turner Prize last November. In terms of productivity he can have had few competitors for the award, having held more than 100 one-man exhibitions before he was 40. The circle has always been his sculptural emblem. Richard Long's recent work opens today at Arnolfini, Bristol (0272 29919), Another show of Long material starts on Thursday at Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London WI (01-499 4100), and a further selection of sculptures from the Arts Council's collection is on at Plymouth Arts Centre (0752 660060) until February 10.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Final performances of Cinderella, with Maria Almeida today, Fiona Chadwick on Tues. Then La Fille mai gardée with Rosalyn Whitten and Stuart Cassidy (Wed). Viviana Durante and Errol Pickford (Thurs), Floria Chadwick and Strenben. Fiona Chadwick and Stephen Jefferies (Fri), in each case preceded by the pas de six showpiece from Laurentia Covent Garden, London W1 (01-240 1066).

LONDON CITY BALLET: André Prokovsky's dance La Traviata Tues-Thurs; then a mixed bill with Graduation Ball, Three Dances to Japanese Music and Aurora's Wedding (from The Sleeping Beauty) Fri and Sat. New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394

SURAYA HILAL: Egyptian Raqs Sharki dancer with live musicians in her new programme, Jewels. Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (061 273 4504) tonight.

CONCERTS

POPE PIPE DREAMS: Under the title "Pipe Dreams", Anna Pope (flute) and others play Janet Graham's From Dusk to Dawn, Kent Kennan's Night Soliloquy, Goossens's Pastorale et Arlequinade and other short

Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800),

NEW SPICER: Paul Spicer's nev Piano Sonata receives its world premiere from Margaret Fingerhut, who also plays Suk's The Spring Op 22a, Martinu's Marionettes, Schubert's impromptus D 899. Chooin's Andante spianato and Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), Wed.

THOMAS/LSO: The LSO is conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas in Richard Strauss's symphonic poems Don Juan and Also sprach Zarathustra. In between, Barbara Hendricks soprano, sings Strauss Lieder and Mozart's Ah, lo previdi K 272. Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Thurs, 7.45pm.

CINEMA

GEOFF BROWN

on Daniels, who is directing A Clockwork Orange for the RSC at the Barbican, says he did not find the idea of a stage production of Anthony Burgess's novella

intimidating. But it was danuting. The book hits a raw nerve. It comes to us now

through a veil of hysteria, essentially unfounded, because of the image people have of it rather than their knowledge of it. The explicit violence poses no more problems than

say, Macbeth or Hamlet, and we are all used now to seeing much worse on television

almost every day. But the story is a complex cautionary tale of a society which does not

cater for young people or allow them to express themselves. It is a fantasy of freedom—an appalling freedom, and a fable of retribution. Alex [played by Phil Daniels, main

picture] is at the beginning a kind of Lucifer, let loose in a urban hell. He has no guilt, no

qualms and, as he himself says, has to be destroyed. But we respond to him in a strangely ambivalent way, finding him attractive even while we are revolted by some of the things

he does. I approached Bono and The Edge of U2 to collaborate with us on the music. I

must emphasize that this is a play with music, not a musical. Bono said that the text was

itself very musical, and in many places we now have a rhythmic pulse and a melodic line

schind the actors' words, almost in rap fashion, but with very contemporary strong

textures. Burgess's original does have songs, but we are not using them, although we

keep, for example, the Beethoven to which Alex loves to listen. There is an unseen band

of fear, and a company of 38, drawn from the RSC: an in-house show, not a co-pro-

duction, showing off both our strength in ensemble and our determination to get in the

front line, to take risks." A Clockwork Orange, Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre,

London EC2 (01-638 8891). Previews from Friday. Opens February 6. In repertury.

BLACK RAIN (18): Potboiling crime story drenched by director Ridley Scott in a suitably menacing visual atmosphere. Michael Douglas stars as a hardboiled New York cop pursuing a Japanese gangster through Osaka. With Andy Garcia, Ken Takakura. Empire (01-437 1234), from Fri.

PIRAVI: Award-winning Indian film about the agony of an aged father waiting in vain for his arrested nt son to return home. A first

feature by cameraman Shaii.

ICA Cinema (01-930 3647), from

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YAABA (PG): Spare, eloquent drama, shot in Burkina Faso, about the unlikely friendship that develops between a rebellious young boy and an old woman suspected of witchcraft. Directed by Idrissa Quedraogo. Renoir (01-837 8402), from Fri.

8½ (15): Revival of Fellini's famous autobiographical fantasia, first released in 1963. Dazzfing and infuriating by turns, it features Marcello Mastroianni as the director's surrogate, and a haunting score by Nino Rota. Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9661). from Fri.



Casualties of War: Michael J. Fox gives first aid to a wounded villager

utting a director like Brian De Palma in charge of a Vietnam drama like Casualties of War was a brilliant, if dangerous move. De Palma's ability to convey perverse behaviour and the visceral impact of violence is second to none in the current American cinema; yet his gifts can carry him to irresponsible extremes. In the event, De Palma behaved comparatively carefully, although Vietnam veteran organizations have still voiced strong complaints about the film's depiction of the American forces: one notable complained they were made to seem "crazed, warped creatures". For material, De Palma drew on Daniel Lang's sobering account, first published in the New Yorker magazine, of the kidnapping, rape and murder of a Vietcong girl by an army platoon in 1966. In some further ideal casting, Sean Penn, cinema's bad boy, was chosen to play the hideous affair's prime mover, while Michael J. Fox's eager-beaver innocence perfectly matched the role of the single platoon member who refuses to participate. The scriptwriter, too, was picked with care: David Rabe, a Vietnam veteran himself, had already explored his painful memories in the play Streamers (filmed by Robert Altman in 1983). Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Friday, certificate 18.

BRIDGE

ost rubber bridge players miss out on the excitement of duplicate, where every deal may be critical and matches may hinge on apparently trivial part-scores or on setting your opponents two tricks rather than one. But it is possible to set up a small duplicate evening without too much fuss.

One way to do it is to play a 32-board team-of-four match. You play 16 deals, which should take about two hours, break to compare scores and have a decent dinner, and then play the second 16 deals afterwards. I recently watched a most dramatic final board between Condé Nast (Vogue) and National Magazine Company (Harpers & Queen): Team-of-four. Game all.

A 10852 VAQJS KJ3 + 8 ↑ KOJ ♥ K 10763 ♥ E ♥ 7654 S ↑ A 10652

Board 32. Dealer North.

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Normally, South would simply raise partner's opening snade bid to four spades, but these were not normal circumstances. North was a genuine card-carrying novice who had been press-ganged into the team at the last moment. He had announced at the outset that the less often he was declarer, the better his side would do. Early catastrophes

had roundly vindicated his estimation of his skills.

South was prepared to let four spades go undoubled. But when West doubled, on the good principle of doubling the player, not the contract, South felt he had to rescue. If an opponent held four spades, or even five, the hand would just be too difficult for North, and South could envisage a three-trick set, or worse. When West led the spade king against five diamonds doubled, South's gizzard froze. If East was void in spades and West held the club ace, he was going to be three down at least. However, there was nothing for it but to play the ace of spades and lead a small club from dummy. East took his ace and returned a trump, won in hand. Declarer ruffed his small club, and played off all his trumps and the king of clubs. This was the four-card position with West to discard:

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West was caught in a stripsqeeze. If he threw a heart, declarer would throw a spade and make three heart tricks; if he threw a spade, declarer would have a choice of winning plays. The only way East-West could have beaten the contract after the initial lead was for East to have returned a heart at trick three. This lead. right into dummy's AQJ5, kills the communication between declarer and dummy. It is one of the classic defences against a threatened squeeze.

One of the quirks of dupli-

cate is that although the hands are dealt at random, very occasionally unscrupulous organizers put in a couple of prepared hands. Here is a case in point, from a teams event, love all, dealer East:

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Many East-West pairs, and presumably all who thought they were behind in the match, played in seven no trumps with no trouble. But I suspect the arrangement of the minor suit cards was a deliberate piece of nastiness, because the club blockage defeated those who played in seven spades. One extremely unlucky pair

were defeated in six spades. East opened with an aceidentifying two clubs, to which West had to respond two spades. The eventual six spades contract was played by West, which enabled North to defeat it with a diamond lead. But the oddest result came when the East-West bidding went simply two spades, three spades, four spades. One can only suppose a system misunderstanding here; perhaps West thought they were playing weak twos. Declarer won the opening club lead and then took three rounds of trumps before unblocking the clubs, thus making only 11 tricks.

Well, if he was going to play

like that, he was right not to

bid beyond game . . . John Graham

CHESS

Again, 19...Qxd6 fails to 20 Bb5 Nb6 21 Bc5. Black

¬he Foreign & Colonial Grandmaster tournament at Hastings was particularly close run affair this year. Every player was of the front rank and the final outcome was not determined until the very last round.

One of the most stirring games was Jon Speelman's demolition of the top-ranked US Grandmaster Boris Gulko. White: Jon Speelman; Black: Boris Gulko. Hastings

1990. Sicilian Defence. c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 d6 6 Bg5 Qb6 e6 8 Bf4 5 Nc3 7 Nb3 An unusual variation. Ne5 9 Be3 Qc Nc6 11 g4 d5 Nd7 10 14

Or 12...Ne4 13 Nxe4 dxe4 14 Bg2 when White has a Substantial advantage.
13 Nb5 Qd8 14 h4 f6
15 Nd6+ Bxd6 16 exd6 Nb6

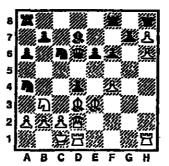
After playing this Gulko offered a draw, but Speelman boldly declined.

Both this move and 17...Qd6 are insufficiently energetic. Correct is the combative 17...e5 emphasizine Black's main advantage his majority of pawns in the centre. 18 Od2 Ne4

If 18...Qxd6 19 Bc5 wins material. 19 0-0-0 =6

double check mate. therefore prepares the capture of the pawn, but in the meantime White has the opportunity to strike against the Black king. 20 g6 Oxd

20...hxg6 21 h5 is evidently unpalatable. 21 gxh7+ Kh8 22 h5 23 Bd3 d4 24 h6



After this violent thrust Black collapses in short order. Nevertheless, as Speelman pointed out after the game,' resolute and active defence by means of 24...g5!! 25 fxg5 e5 26 Be4 f5 27 Bxc6 Bxc6 28 Rhg1 Qg6 would still have rendered the situation quite unclear.

gxt=6? 25 Qg2 Nb4 Nxx3+ 26 Rdg1 Resistance is futile, e.g.,

26...Qe7 27 Rxh6 dxe3

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White to play and win. What is White's winning move? This position occurred in Spraggett-Speelman from the Foreign & Colonial tournament at Hastings.

Spraggett played 1 Nxq3, missing a brilliant coup. Can you find what he missed? Remember, I only require White's .irst move of the winning sequence.

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SPORT TRAVEL & LEISURE

SATURDAY JANUARY 20 1990

Violent demonstration puts tour in doubt

Two hours before Mike Gatting's team of English cricketers had even arrived yesterday, the South African police used Alsatian dogs and tear gas to disperse about 150 anti-apartheid demonstrators ontside the main building at Jan Smuts airport outside Johannesburg. This early violence of the sort that the South African cricket authorities had dreaded - and the protesters had hoped to avoid - must surely have put the future of the tour in immediate

Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, was the protesters who

Many carried banners, which included slogans such as "Mike Gatting the Judas Iscariot of English Cricket". As they began a march, the police herded them into an enclosed area and then. according to one police official, invoked an emergency law prohibiting demonstrations within 500 metres of an airport

The protesters were given one minute to disperse, but ost immediately, eye witnesses said, the tear gas sprays were fired at them and they were harassed by the dogs and hit by batons. The news of 10 arrests and several injuries quickly circulated around the airport, which

swarmed with police. First reaction from South

tour would continue and they maintained this attitude as the day progressed. There is no doubt, however, that the violence has left cricket officials shaken. Even security officials suspect that something went badly wrong with how they handled the demonstration.

Immediately, several South African sports journalists waiting for the English cricket team's press conference said that the whole cause of South Africa's claimes to return to international sport had been irretrievably dented. They believed cricket's attempts to become fully multi-racial had been put back several years.

Whether the English team continues its tour after such a beginning remains to be seen. If this is going to be the will presumably become sick-ened and will be the first to want to call a halt.

Dr Ali Bacher, SACU's managing director, and other senior officials, missed the violence because it was known that the English team's jumbo jet would be arriving three hours late. When Dr Bacher was eventually questioned, he confirmed that if SACU could establish that the demoustrators had been protesting peacefully he would lodge the strongest possible objection to the authorities about the

police action. "We are having on-going meetings with the police about security and this unhappy affair must be dealt with as

pattern in coming weeks, the "We have always acknowl-English cricketers themselves edged the right of people to edged the right of people to demonstrate peacefully.

Dr Bacher was later asked his own feelings about the physical confrontation and with surprising frankness re-plied: "I anticipated it. I am not deterred nor distressed. I never anticipated that on day one Mike Gatting would walk off the plane and there would not be problems of this

ished with injuries, which dog bites, according to Krish Naidoo, the general secretary of the National Sports Con-gress (NSC), the tour's main opponent. Late last night the NSC planned to hold a post mortem about events at the

meeting with Gatting. "Clearly the state and police are not prepared to let people demonstrate even peacefully. Are the English cricketers prepared to continue the tour when people are getting beaten

At a crowded and brief press conference on arrival, Gatting was spared any lengthy crossexamination about his own feelings on the violence by the actions of a SACU media linison officer. The official twice refused to allow reporters to put questions when they began with references to demonstrators being gassed and bitten by dogs. The English cricketers listened impassively, though the players looked tired and tense after

agreement for himself to seek had been delayed by bombs

Asked about the demonstration and the violence, Gatting replied: "We were not here at the time so obviously I cannot say very much. I understood that people could demonstrate peacefully and obviously I would be unhappy if it was peaceful and it was still dispersed in such a way."

Gatting was then asked if the tour was worthwhile and if its future should be reconsidered. He said: "I hope there won't be any violence".

The cricketers quickly left for their hotel, which had been switched overnight, ostensibly because it was better, but it is also more easily protected than the original, which could also have been a factor.



TRAVEL

QUEUE

STANDS FOR **CUBA**

Don't go to Cuba if

you're in a hurry.

Sometimes you even have to queue to join a queue, as Anne McElvoy discovered.

But she did find the ice-cream magnificent after an hour's wait.

She also sensed the

melancholy and past

splendour of Havana

and the contrasts of a

present day tourists-

only pleasure island.

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THE NEW

TOURISM

FRONTIER

after the revolution that

toppled Ceausescu the

Romanians want it

known that they are

open for business as

usual. But are they?

Brian James went to

find out.

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NO SKIING?

TRY SKYING

Where the snow lies

thin on the Alps some

frustrated skiers have

taken to the parapente

as a high-risk, high-reward alternative

winter sport. Doug

Sager took lessons

and took off.

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Norman is cleared after inquiry into pay claims

Steve Ovett did receive a telephone call offering him unsanctioned money to run against Sebastian Coe over 1,500 metres in the 1989 Commonwealth Games trials, but the investigators are not satisfied that Andy Norman. the promotions officer of British athletics, made the call.

That is the conclusion of the two-man independent inquiry set up by the Amateur Athletic Assocation (AAA) into the controversy in Birmingham last August, when the former Olympic 800 metres champion broke down in tears while being interviewed on television.

Ovett has alleged that Norman had phoned him the previous Tuesday when he was hesitating whether to run against his great rival and said that there was "£40,000 in it" for the two athletes to meet for the first time on a British track. Norman has always

denied making the call. The 60-page report gives a fascinating picture of the workings of top-class British athletics and could be a best seller if it were sold. It concludes: "We are unable positively to establish the identity of the person who made the telephone call. While the most probable candidate for the maker of the call must be Andy Norman, we are not so satisfied that it must have been made by him so as to enable us to make a firm

finding to that effect." Tony Ward, the spokesman for British Athletics, said yes-terday: "It is a Hercule Poirot novel without the denouement, Poirot and Miss Marple combined would have had

difficulty in solving this one." He stressed that Norman, who was Ovett's best man at his wedding but subsequently became estranged from the former world record-holder, retains the full support and confidence of the AAA," adding that although many people have helped in the 1980s, Andy "was the architect who brought Britain to the forefront of the sport."

Ward termed the result of the inquiry, conducted by David Pickup, the director general of the Sports Council, and Robert Reid QC as a "0-0 draw." Both investigators declined to comment further yesterday on their findings.

With meticulous work the pair examined records of phone calls and interviewed 36 people before reaching their conclusion. They include some of the biggest names in the sport as they attempted to reach a definite conclusion as to who called Ovett either

ference on August 8. Several theories have been considered by the investi-gators, including the possibility of a hoax caller impersonating Norman's voice. Ward said: "There is an imponderable there. It is an enormous and difficult thing to prove." He denied a suggestion that there had been a "whitewash" because the two members of the inquiry were totally independent of athletics." Ward thought that to continue the investigation would have been a "waste of energy for us. We have got to

get on with the job of running

athletics."

The findings of the inquiry will now go to the AAA's own investigation to review the practice and procedures of subventions and other payments to athletes and officials. This is expected to be published in the spring. It follows several controversies, including the stealing from Nor-

man's hotel bedroom in Crystal Palace of about £25,000 in US dollars belonging to the AAA and being used to pay athletes for a meeting held in Nice. In athletics, appearance

money can be earned for a competitor's trust fund by taking part in certain selected meetings. What made the Ovett incident controversial was that the AAA Championships and Commonwealth Games trials were not an event when money was sanctioned and also because of the fame of the individuals involved.

In the race, Coe finished first and qualified for the Games, which begin in Auckland next week, while Ovett, clearly running below form and upset by the controversy,

The two-man investigation also made several recommendations, including that the promotions officer (Norman) should be specifically debarred from acting as an agent (e.g. by negotiating competition entries or fees) either directly or indirectly (e.g. through company connections) for any athlete at home

The report points out to the AAA that the terms under which Norman had been engaged by the Association, and the style of operation adopted by him in the past and apparently condoned by the AAA, had led to an understandable ambiguity as to how far Norman reasonably believed that "his powers of

discretion could be stretched." "I'm pleased the inquiry admits I was telling the truth when I said I had been offered money," Overt said yesterday. It does not confirm who made the telephone call with the offer of money, but I know who phoned me — it was Andy

Norman, who was in Australia, could not be reached for comment reached

Underwood's class wickedly neglected Top wing

wants history repeat

By Peter Bills

If any player in the England dressing room at Twickenham today is bursting to release long, stored-up, ability, then that man has to be Rory Underwood.

As he prepares for the opening five nations' championship match against Ireland, Underwood must think back to the corresponding match two years ago. Then, he signalled a rare try for England by launching a most extravagant dive over the line. That single act betrayed long years of frustration on England's

Underwood and his colleagues hope history is about to repeat itself. "It has not escaped our notice that it was exactly 10 years ago that England did the grand slam, and they they did it with an identical programme of matches." Underwood said.

If England are to fulfil their rarely-expressed potential, then they must find ways of bringing the Leicester wing into play. Already, they may have to accept the harsh truth that they have largely wasted the best years of Underwood.

He remembers five nations' matches when he did not receive a single pass in the entire game. "In those days, the backs would do a few moves and then the forwards did some themselves." he said. "What was so frustrating was after games when I had not touched the ball and we had lost. You could only hope it would be better next time."

The realism which resides within Underwood, an RAF officer, is revealed by his assessment of the champ-ionship games: "Winning must be the primary goal," he said. "It has to be No. 1. If you seek only enjoyment from your rugby, you represent the Extra Bs. But the way England are starting to play, it is likely to be enjoyable as well as winning rugby. You can get

"Our preparations for this championship could not have been better. This side is ready to win a grand slam. It is well within its means. But we have stumbled at the first hurdle



Sole possession: Underwood jealously clutches the ball during England training yesterday

instinct." That Underwood, who wins his 34th cap today, has for years had a predatory nature. without being able to demonstrate it properly, has been a source of nagging frustration. His tries in the match against Ireland two years ago seemed to break the pattern, but there remains much work for those inside him to do if his best is

truly to be witnessed. He began his international career in this same match. against Ireland at Twickenham, back in 1984. His first try in the championship came in the next match, the 32-18 before, so we have to make England defeat in Paris. He sure we perform and win the had announced himself with first game. Perhaps the prob- an explosive burst of pace, lem with the Englishman is which has since been too often

that he does not have the killer wickedly neglected. Scotland B aim to extend fine record

By Alan Lorimer

After setting a splendid record won seven of their matches Scotland meet France again tomorrow, and appropriately of the first meeting in 1971, in Oyonnax in the French Juras. For Richie Dixon, the Scot-

tish coach, this will be his fourth match in overall charge of the B side, but he has assisted the Scotland senior coach, Ian McGeechan, seven times and played against the French at B level in three matches, captaining the side on each occasion as a flanker Neither team has much in

common with the two sides who met at Melrose last season, when Scotland won 14-12 Scotland, have only three players from the Greenyards encounter. Edwards at centre and the two locks. Richardson and Munro. France have only one survivor, the lock Cadieu, from the Toulouse club.

Scotland will undoubtedly during the 1980s, when they be looking for a much greater share of lineout ball from Munro and MacDonald than they achieved against Ireland it will take place at the venue last month and will be looking to improve their defence with Rouse at centre. If Scotland do manage to move the ball wide then interest will focus on Porter, the wing, who must be a strong candidate for the left

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Ovett, left, maintains that Norman, right, made the call **Portland victims** decide to retire

By George Rae

riding careers.

Portland Handicap last year,"

of great regret to me and I shall

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Paul Cook and Ian Johnson, be speaking to Dr Allen at the two of the jockeys involved in Jockey Club to seek his

the Portland Handicap pile-up views." at Doncaster last September, McClov added that, alare to retire. Both cite injuries though the decisions were received during the race as the known before Christmas, he reason for terminating their had advised that the announcements be delayed Cook, who rode the faller, until investigations into the Madraco, fractured a foot, ribs accident had been completed and collar-bone, while Johnby the Jockey Club and himson, who was brought down self. The Jockey Club report is

on Pendor Dancer, injured his published today. back. Neither has ridden The Newbury-based solicitor confirmed that he is to The jockeys vesterday ispursue legal action on behalf sued statements through their of Cook, Johnson, and Ray solicitor, Matthew McCloy. Cochrane, injured in the Port-My riding career has been land, and Billy Newnes, who brought to a premature end as was unhurt in a separate fall a result of the accident in the two days later. McCloy is also representing Bernard Hampson and Liam Codd, the

Cook said. Johnson, who throughout owner and trainer of Madraco. his career has been dorged by injury, said: "I have been "I shall be writing to Doncaster over the next few weeks advised by my doctors that I setting out our position and must up give up riding as a result of the injuries received inviting their reaction," Mein the Portland. It is a matter Cloy said.

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180 begin Monte Carlo rally

Monte Carlo (AP) - The 58th Monte Carlo rally opened yesterday with 180 drivers from five starting points around Europe converging on the tiny Riviera principality. The favourites include Massimo Biasion, of Italy. with Lancia, the two-time winner of the rally, and Ari Vatanen, of Finland, in a Mitsubishi, who won the Paris to Dakar rally this week.

The competitors began from Sestriere, Italy: Lausanne. Switzerland; Barce-Iona. Spain; Reims. France; and Bad Homburg. West Germany. The race begins in carnest tomorrow, in front of the Casino of Monte Carlo. The raily covers more than

2,000 kilometres (1.200 miles). It ends with an allnight drive to the Thursday morning finish at the Casino. Weather on the French Riviera has been sunny, with temperatures about 18°C (mid-60s). No snow is

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a mountain to

climb in the desert

From Patricia Davies, Palm Springs

As the Americans might say, it and 33 coming back "was pretty

was time to make a move time

for Sandy Lyle in the third round of the Bob Hope Chrysler

Classic, After level par rounds of

72 at Bermuda Dunes and

Tamarisk, he was in joint 100th

place (out of 128 professionals).

a whacking 11 shots behind the leaders, Dave Stockton, Peter

Yesterday, Lyle was due to play at Indian Wells, the easiest

of the Classic courses, over 300

yards shorter than any of the

other three, and traditionally the

place to make really low scores.

The tournament record of 61,

held by Bert Yancy and David

Edwards, was set at Indian Wells, and scores in the mid to

Given that Lyle was to play his fourth round on the difficult Palmer Course at PGA West today, he needed to give himself

some leeway with a better-than-good third round if he wanted to

nake the cut in this clongated.

make the cut in this chingated, 90-hole, amateur and celebrity oriented jamboree. For Lyle to win the tour-nament and the first prize of

\$180,000 would probably require something approaching a miracle for, if the weather holds,

20 under par is usually good

only for place money.

Jacobsen, being what he calls
"an Oregon duck" and used to

cold weather, did not suffer in

the unseasonally chilly con-ditions that prevailed in the

second round, and agreed that

Another heavenly day broke

over Montego Bay yesterday, to nobody's great surprise, and one

low 60s are commonplace.

Jacobsen and John Cook.

He said he had been putting

well for several months, having watched the good putters like

Curtis Strange, Tom Kite and

Tom Watson and mimicked

what they did. He also set

himself a little target of two

under par for each nine holes in

this event, with the par fives

providing the main scoring opportunities. You won't be far away if you do that," he

Lyle's problem was, once

again, his putting, or, more

correctly, his tendency to follow

his putts, to lift his head too

quickly in his anxiety to watch

the motel carpet - being new, it was, however, rather slower

than the greens - but managed only two birdies in his second

round at Tamarisk, although he

did sink several testing three

last seven holes, taking three putts at the third, his 12th, and driving behind a tree at the last,

to finish with a bogey five, no good at all to him, or his

amateur partners.
SECOND ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 133: D Stockton, 65, 68; P Jacobsen, 67, 66, 134: M Rast, 58, 56, 136: R Wrenn, 70, 65; J Storces, 68, 57; B Tway, 57, 68, 138: L Clements, 58, 57; D Shray, 70, 66; R Ganez, 70, 68; A Gen, 67, 68; T Schulz, 70, 68; J Thorpe, 58, 68, 137; S Simpson, 66, 67, 138: G Morgan, 68, 70; G Sauers, 71, 57; W Glasson, 67, 71, British: A Lyle, 72, 72.

He dropped two shots in the

He had put in a lot of work on

concluded.

their progress.

footers for par.

amateur partners.

The benefits of forward thinking

FOOTBALL: ASTON VILLA CONTINUE TO PROSPER UNDER TAYLOR AS COWANS KICKS HIS ITALIAN HABIT INTO RETREAT

the sight of the durable Jimmy Case, who he faces this after-

tioon at Villa Park, is a source of inspiration to him. But he also knows that much of the credit for his own extended career is due to one man -Graham Taylor. It is not without coincidence that the transforma-

tion of Aston Villa from relegation strugglers to championship contenders in Six months reflects the change in the midfield performance of the frail but gifted Cowans.

.In September Taylor suspected that, at 31, Cowans's distinguished career might be over at the highest level. "I wondered whether he had reached a stage of his career here he didn't want the heat of the battle. He was playing so deep that he was in danger of playing behind the back

four," Taylor said. "Players can tell you something about a change in their thinking without them realizing it. I really did wonder that, whether having brought him back from Italy and after a season in which he had done okay although not finished very well, he might be just be telling me that he didn't fancy the midfield confrontation any more.

The result was that Taylor cropped Cowans for a spell. Cowans had found it hard to accept that he was playing any deeper than he had done in the past but after watching videos of himself playing in Villa's championship winning side of 1981-82 he realized that Taylor was right. He blamed his unwitting retreat upon three years with Bari in the Italian

Cowans was restored to the side and began playing 15 yards further upfield, where he was in a better position to give support to his forwards and in a less perilous position to the team should he lose possession. The improvement in Cowans's form, quite apart from that of Villa, has been such that he is again being

One from three is the verdict of

the bookmakers on the Scottish

Cup campaign which opens in

carnest this afternoon with the

entry of the country's principal teams into the competition.

They are unanimous in believ-ing that the next winner of the

trophy will be either Rangers,

An allowance is made for

thereafter one may enjoy equally good fortune in a ran-

dom sweepstake than place a wager on the other candidates.

Rangers, of course, are favourites, a status which befits

their present superior League

position and record against the

other principals this season. Nevertheless, they have yet to

annex the Scottish Cup under the guidance of Graeme Souness

and it will be remembered that

although today's opponents are

from a different division, they embarrassed the lbrox club at

the semi-final stage of last season's tournament.

Parkhead, St Johnstone dis-

played commendable organis-

ation and tenacity to carn a goalless draw against a Rangers

side that struggled to gather

momentum, although the predictable outcome was

achieved in the replay a few days

later. Rangers are conscious of

the fact that their previous

success in the Cup was in 1981

and they have set themselves the

target of restoring their grip on

the silverware, but they have not

abandoned their immediate

"St Johnstone did not try just to frustrate us last year." said Walter Smith, the Rangers assis-

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SLINWAY

By Roddy Forsyth

Heart of Midlothian, rather their squad since Christmas and further adrift in the odds, but have added Bonni Ginzburg, the

Gordon Cowans admits that talked about in terms of an England player.

Yet there has been little or no corruption of Cowans's principles about how the game should be played. While, to the less enlightened, the marriage of Taylor's beliefs in football to those of a purist like Cowans may have seemed an unlikely one, in fact the two men share much the same

"I had no qualms about coming back from Italy to play for him. Everyone has got this thing about Graham Taylor and the long ball at Waford, but he was just playing to his strengths. Villa may have played that way to get out of the second division but now we have got players who can play he allows us to play to our strengths. We are playing some good stuff.

"He is an even better maner than I first thought. Tactically, he is very shrewd. He will change the team depending on who we are playing, even if we might have won the week before and played well. He is a nice man but at the same time you know where you stand with him, You wouldn't like to cross Taylor's admiration of

Cowans's qualities as a footballer is just as generous. He said that he paid £250,000 for Cowans on the basis of just three fruitless passes he saw him make in one game in "I could picture us getting someone on the end of them," he said.

Not least is his appreciation of Cowans's passing ability, surely on a par with that of Taylor believed that he could turn his back upon half a dozen Villa players and ask them to hit a ball 30 yards and he would be able to tell, just from the sound, which ball had been struck by Cowans.

tant manager. "They made life difficult for us and now they are

having another good season,

which means that they will

come here geared up for the occasion. Nobody here will

underestimate them and they

will be treated with respect as

Rangers name the 13 players

who have formed the core of

goalkeeper, as well as Scott Nisbet and Neale Cooper to

Alex Totten, the St Johnstone

manager, brings a full-strength

squad to Glasgow and he said:

We proved a point last season

and I'm sure nobody will write us off. We want to play in the

premier division next season and this match will give our players an idea of how far they

have come in the past year

although, naturally, we believe

that in the right circumstances.

we can win at Ibrox, difficult as

Celtic's League form has been

but their rating as candidates for

the Cup can never be discounted

because of their record in the

tournament. In fact, if they were

to win it again this season they

three times in succession. Their

campaign begins away from home against Forfar Athletic,

whose player-manager, Bobby Glennie. is a long-standing friend of the Bill McNeill, the

Partick Thistle are aware that

they are unrated against another

of the favourites, Aberdeen, at

Firhill, but they will have the

benefit of a large and vocal support which traditionally

spurs them to exalted heights in

FOR THE RECORD

Celtic manager.

have taken the trophy

it may be as a venue."

dangerous opponents."

their squad.

The sole survivor of the championship-winning side. Cowans does not believe that other side around at the time the present Villa team are as and the current one is hard

Passing thoughts: Cowans's ability in midfield allows him the chance to think of a return to Italy with England this summer

way to being so". He said:
"There are some qualities that Hoddle. So sweetly does are common to both teams. Cowans strike a ball that The '81-82 team was very strong in defence and so is this one. We had a winger in Morley who had two excellent feet, was very quick and could create goals and score a few. Daley is just the same only

The old Villa team probably worked harder than any

very hard to beat. We are starting to get that feeling where we believe that we can win any game, home or away. I could see the potential of players, like Platt and Daley. as soon as I arrived from Italy. There is still more to come and if the manager can add to the squad it is going to be a good side for a few years to

come.

Cowans and his teammates are only too aware that they

good, "but we're well on the working too. When you have could not have a better could be invaluable. He way to being so". He said: that and ability it makes you opportunity of surpassing admitted, though, that his Liverpool than this season, omission from the training with the Merseysiders dropping points so freely. "We just need to hang in there and then just hope that we can handle the pressure when it comes near the end of the season."

As for his personal ambitions, Cowans has not given have enough ability to be in up hope of winning his 10th cap this summer in the World Cup finals in Italy, where his at 35. I look at him and think, knowledge of playing con-

Bobby Robson did not augur well. "I am as fit as I was when I

was 22 and see situtations a hittle bit earlier now because of my experience. I believe I the England team. Look at Case, he is playing brilliantly if he is still doing it, why

recent years, even if some

bookmakers yesterday pegged Arsenal back to 6-1 to win the

title, the longest odds offered all season on the champions.

Tottenham, buoyed by their inspired fightback against Not-

tingham Forest in midweek, not

to mention the 2-1 victory over Arsenal earlier in the season,

may be thankful to be away

Navim, their skilful little

trio of Rocastle, Thomas and

claims of all three should be that

much stronger. One way or another George Graham ought

to be able to cover the loss of Winterburn at left back.

that several of their players were

feeling unwell as they prepared for the visit of Liverpool, but Sieve Coppell, the Palace man-

ager, denied that fear was among

Bravely harking back to a

Liverpool beat Palace 9-0

living nightmare last September

at Anfield, Coppell said: "I was not ashamed or embarrassed by

our defeat and nobody here is frightened of meeting them

again. I have spoken to Kenny Dalglish since and he has told

me we are certainly not the

worst side to have gone there

seeing how much we have

look after the other 10."

suspended.

"I am looking forward to

the ailments.

Crystal Palace announced

of the first players drawn to take advantage of it was a rising young Scottish professional golfer, Pamela Wright. Playing in the first three-ball of the day in the \$500,000 Jamaica Open, she would be back in the Tryall clubhouse before the winter sun, climbing

into the high 80s, would take its toll.
Wright was last year's Rookie of the Year in the United States and began yesterday in the manner of someone ready to rise in the ranks, for she was within a few inches of a birdie at each of

the first four holes. At the 1st, only 138 yards, she missed the green on the right and narrowly failed to chip in. A pulled tee shot blocked out her second at the next hole and she was fortunate with a kindly bounce that kicked her on to the green. She was 20 yards from the hole, vet her slippery downhill putt, dead on line, pulled up only six inches short.

She hit her second to within 15 feet of the 3rd, which needed two woods from all three players in the group though only a par four of 420 yards, but again the putt was inches away.

The 4th (137 yards), challenging Augusta for the beauty of its background, carried the seed of first, delight and, then, despair. She struck a seven-iron to three feet but, sadly, misread the

Wright, whose father is the Aboyne professional and whose mother played in the Curtis Cup, seems a level-headed

> **BOWLS** King skips

Mervyn King, who has just been awarded his first senior England badge, skips a rink for the under-25 team against Wales at Perdiswell, Worcester tomorrow

Perdiswell, Worcester tomorrow BRGLAND: Rink 1: \$ Lette (Northampton), \$ Cooper (Easter Courty), K Smitt (Descorough), 6 Heriore (City of Ely), Rink 2: \$ Hergen (East Dorsel), N Williams (Watched), N Bowden (Lincoln), D Heit (Blackbook Borough), Rink 2: \$ Leeder (St Neots), A Derling (Worthing Pavison), M Tomin (Blockbook), N Smith (Bartang), Rink 4: A Sele (pawich), D Heyre (Bockin), P Maynerd (Easex Courty), M Ring (Hunstanton), Rink 5: N Froedick (Lincoln), M Celes (Horts), J Hamphrey (Sunderland), R Victor (Boston), Rink 6: K Cousins (Five Rivers), R Smithy (Atherley), I Boyle (Richardsons), D Remsdele (Darlington)

(Atherley), 1 Boyle (Richardsons), D Ramadele (Darlington).
Weles: Rink 1: G Williams (Pembroke), S Hustphrites (Tortam), A Williams (Pembroke), S Hustphrites (Tortam), A Williams (Pembroke), J Greber (Ogwr), A Meddins (Snignee), J Greenslade (Cardiff), Rink 3: M Hopson (Ogwr), R Horgan (Vale), N Collect (Cardiff), T Mathews (Earlewood), Rink 4: J Appleagate (Rinondde), D Kingdon (Ulanell), M Cilver (Lanell), P Robins (Phondde), Rink 5: C Bislas (Cardiff), D Jones (Merthyr), M Chard (Merthyr), M Prasser (Ogwr), Pink 5: W Mathews (Ulanell), B Singe (Cardiff), P Carpanter (Taff-By), S Gall (Earlswood). improved. Our priority in defence is to stop Rush - and then The certain absence of Dennis and the possible absence of O'Reilly, who has a back injury, will make that difficult. Neither will they be afforded the protec-tion in midfield of Gray, who is

Wright knows the slings and arrows By John Hennessy, Montego Bay Card of course Yds Per Hole Yds

Total yardage: 6,202 character, the kind you would arrows without flinching, But. who knows what went on in her mind when she missed that chance to go into the red, a desirable achievement for any golfer, indicating she is under

Out 2.537 34

Whatever the reason, she played the par five 5th (483 vards) badly. Her tee shot, uncomfortably close to a gulley on the left, left her no alternative to laying up, and a poor pitch, followed by a weak chip, helped to run up a six.

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Her golf now lost its glow. She did get up and down with enviable case from a bunker at the sixth, but the chances of birdies had now given way to saving putts.

Wright was through the green the 10th and flutted her chir 18 feet short of the hole and, when she followed suit off the tee at the top, a palm tree, its boughs waving crazily in the wind, hampered her recovery. That took her to three over par. She finished with a 75, four over

Laura Davies, Britain's main hope, was still waiting to tee off.

IN BRIEF

WBC gives warning to Foreman

Mexico City (Reuter) - The World Boxing Council will op-pose a bout between George Foreman and Mike Tyson if the former champion first takes on a banned boxer. Francisco Damiani, of Italy, a WBC spokesman said vesterday. "If Foreman fights against Damiani this organization will never support his future fight against yson," a spokesman told Reuter.

Foreman, who stopped Gerry Cooney in the second round earlier this week, is looking for a shot at Tyson in hopes of regaining the heavyweight title 17 years after he took it from Joe Frazier.

Change status

Sydney, Australia (AP) - Joe Bugner, the former professional eavyweight boxer, has been declared an amateur by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) and hopes to train for a place on the Australian team for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelon

Davis first Melbourne, Australia (AP) -

Rodger Davis, of Australia, shot a 65 yesterday to share the lead; with Carlos Espinosa, of Mexico, halfway through the Coca-Cola Classic golf tournament. Signed up

Passignano Sul Trasimeno. Italy (AP) — The Belgian driver. Bertrand Gachot, has been signed by the Italian Formula

One team, Coloni, for this year's . world championship races. GB's good news. The Great Britain and Ireland team has been strengthened by the arrival of Stephen Mullinor, the world No. 1, for the final match of the MacRobertson Shield croquet series against New Zealand, the holders, in

Fred Davis, in danger of losing his professional status unless winning in next week's world snooker qualifying rounds, fared badly in the European Open first round at Blackpool yes-terday, losing 5-0 to Steve Murphy.

St Johnstone earn Crunch game for Southampton Rangers' respect By Clive White Never was the attacking philosophy of Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manger, more

needed than it is today. The South Coast club, who have tossed their hat into the championship ring on the back of a string of bold performances. could find themselves 11 points adrift of the leading pack today if they do not beat Aston Villa at Villa Park. On a day of several intriguing

matches, it is unquestionably the match of the day, though you could hardly blame ITV for getting it wrong on this occa-sion. Before the start of the season anyone could have been forgiven for forecasting that it was a match that was more likely to have a bearing on the bottom of the first division than the top; Nicholl and Graham Taylor, his opposite number,

First division

A Villa v Soton

(knee) is also doubtful.

Chelsea v Charlton

C Palace v Liverpool

Arsenal v Tottenham

With Winterburn (ankle) absent
Arsenal could move Davis to leftback creating room in the
midfield for one of Rocastle,
Thomas, and Marwood, all
England internationals. O'Leary has
shrugged off a hamstring pull
and relate in defence. Tottenham

and clavs in defence. Tottenham await the results of a fitness test on Mabbutt (knee).

If Daley (shoulder) fails a fitness test, Villa will recall Birch. McGrath

Southampton could replace Moore with Ruddock in defence.

Dorigo and Clive Wilson return for Chelsea who are without

for Cheisea who are without Roberts (suspended), Nicholas

Palace have recalled Shaw from a loan spell at Hull and he could return to the heart of the

of prime candidates for early dismissa! Now Villa are poised to take

were many bookmakers' ideas

over the lead outnight should Liverpool draw or lose against Crystal Palace of Selhurst Park, white Southampton could close the gap substantially on the leading trio if they can become only the second team this season to win at Villa Park. Injuries to two Villa players

could hold the key. McGrath suffered a recurrence of knee trouble against Leeds United in a midweek Zenith Data Cup tie and is doubtful. His absence would mean a dispuntion to Villa's highly effective five-man detence. The other injury doubt concerns Daley, the nearest thing

you can get to the Road Runner this side of a cartoonist's pen. Acting upon the advice of Weekend team News

Derby v Nottm Forest

£700,000 midweek buy from

Everton v Sheff Wed

Luton v OPR

Barnsley, is expected to be a substitue.

Watson (hamstring) is absent for Everton who add Beagrie to the

With Donaghy having returned to Manchester City, James, Johnson, and Alloress complete for a piace in the heart of

Clarke, Cny's recent signing from Leicester, makes his tull debut in attack in place of Allen

(hamstring). Coventry are expected to be unchanged.

Davison (knee) faces a late fitness test for Leeds, for whom

Luton's defence. QPR are unchanged so Wegerle starts against his former club.

Man City v Coventry

Second division

Leeds v Stoke

squad. Wednesday are without the injured Nilsson in detence.

Hartord, Derby's £500,000 buy

from Luton, replaces Ramage in attack. Curne, Forest's

himself and slow down a little ("because still no-one's going to catch you"). Daley has had a significant part to play in Villa's success. If his shoulder injury is still giving cause for conern.
Birch will start his first game since appearing against West Ham United in a Littlewoods Cup tie in October. Nicholl's considerations are

Taylor this season to steady

from White Hart Lane, where life has not proceeded too curely matters of choice. smoothly of late Whether or not to retain Ruddock, who came on as substitute Moroccan, could be preferred to Poiston, but it is Arsenal's lineagainst Swindon Town in their Littlewoods Cup tie in midup which raises the more intriguing questions. For one reason or another the England started the game. Shearer, another substitute in that game, also has a chance of starting. Marwood, have been omitted in recent weeks, but after the defeat at Wimbledon last week the

With Arsenal third in the table and Tottenham Hotspur

sixth, the north London derby at significance than it has done in

Chapman, the recent signing from Nottingham Forest, makes his home debut. Oldham v Newcastle

Tomorrow Norwich v Man Utd United who are also without

Senior players carry England's indoor flag

By Sydney Friskin

A relatively inexperienced England side will challenge Scot-land. Wales and Austria in the men's international indoor tournament at Crystal Palace today

World Cup squad players has limited England's choice and both goalkeepers. Clark and Forshaw, will be wearing England colours for the first time as will Barker. Laslett, McGuire and Roberts. Extra burdens will therefore have to be carried by the more senior players.

and Wisher. However, in the guise of the Lions and the Roses the England team, with more or less the same side as they have now, have achieved some success by inning the HDM tournament at the Hague, albeit on goal difference, and the Buttermen indoor tournament at

In the last match at the Hague, however, the English Lions were humbled by the Welsh Dragons inspired by Funy Colclough and O'Sullivan. the mainstays of a seemingly well-balanced Welsh side for this weekend's competition. But

nothing seems to arouse more attention than the concluding match tomorrow, in which Scotland will attempt to wrest the Anglo-Scottish Cup which was won last year by England in Glasgow. The Scots have several experi-

enced campaigners including Stuart Smith, Douglas Potter, Cuthill and Scoular, who during the tournament will make his 50th appearance for his country But the spotlight is bound to be on Christie, an exciting scorer who has this season already passed the 100 mark in compet itive play, The appearance of Australia

adds spice to the women's event, which has not been affected by other calls. The goalkeepers in particular are experienced - Thompson, of ngland, Scotland's Stewart and Lawrie and Morgan, of Wales, whose side open the com-

petition against inclaind.

PROGRAMME: Todey: Men: Austria v Scotland (1 0): Scotlend v Wedes (4 0); England v Austria (7.0). Women: Weles v Ireland (2.0). Australia v Scotland (3.0): England v Weles (5 0), Ireland v Australia (6 0): England v Scotland (6 0). Tomorrow: Men: England v Weles (1.0); Weles v Austria (1 0): England v Scotland (4.0). Wemen: Weles v Australia (9.0): Ireland v Scotland (11.0); Australia v England v Iteland v Scotland (11.0); Australia v England v Iteland (3.0).

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PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Huddens-feld 3, Aston VBs 2: Nottenbarn Forest 2, Cichem 1, Second division: Middlesbrough 4, No. Ville 1, Second 10, Secondard 1. Said 3, Aston Ville 2; Notingham Forest 2, Cloham 1, Second division: Moddlesbrough 4, Port Vale 1; Stoke 0, Sunderland 1, WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet 5, WEBT FAIR DEFINE ACCOUNT OF THE COMMON OF THE COMMON OF THE CONTROL OF THE COMMON OF T

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HOCKEY SCHOOLS MATCHES: Churcher's College 6, Portsmouth Sixth Form 0, Clayesmore 2,

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (RML): New York Hang-ers 3. Pritisburgh Penguins 3 (OT): Boston Bruins 2, Caligary Pannes 2 (OT): Vencouver Canuchs 3. Priliadiphia Piyers 2 (OT): Mirinesota North Stars 7, Queboc Nortiques 4: Toronto Marie Leafs 4. SI Louis Bluss 1; Los Angelas Kings 9, Detroit Red Kings 4.

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Alexandria (Constitution of the Constitution o **REAL TENNIS** J D WARD NATIONAL LEAGUE: Holycort 2 Terms and Rackets Association 1 (Holypornames first; P Meares lost to M Happell, 2-6, 3-6, A Philips bi J Ward, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, K King bt M Ryan, 6-0, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION STUDENT INTERNATIONAL: Weigh Students I. Franch Students 18 (at Cardiff). DEVON UNDER-15 CUP: Fingle Exeter 6 CLUB MATCH: London Irish 9, Terenure College 30. TOUR MATCH: Campion 13, Western Austra-

SNOOKER BLACKPOOL: European Open: First round: J Wright (Eng) bt M Gibson (Scot), 5-1; N Bond (Eng) bt J Durning (Eng), 5-1; Wattana (Thai) bt P Medati (Eng), 5-1; K Owers (Eng) bt J Coulds (Eng), 5-1; S Murphy (Eire) bt F Davis (Eng), 5-1; S Murphy (Eire) bt F Davis

BASKETBALL

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EUROPEAN CUP: Women's semi-finale group, fourth series: CSKA Moscow 84, Bance Extenor (Sp) 69.

EUROPEAN CUP: Men's querter-finale group: Jugoplastika (Yug) 79. Meccath Tel Arty 61: Ans Salonaka (Gri 110, Den Heider (Neth) 102; Limoges 115, Loch Poznen (Pol) 90; Prilipa Milan 94, Barcelona 93, Leading quarter-final standinger; 1. Jugoplastide Spit (Yug), played 5, 10; 2. Limoges (Fr), 5, 9; 3, Barcelona (Sp), 5, 8.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Derby Rams 78 (Whitshead 25, Lea (S), Kingston 88 (Byrd 25, Clark 24), Leading poetborer: 1, Kingston, played 14, 24; 2. Manchester, 13, 20; 3. Sundertand, 14, 25. payed 14, 25; 2. Manchester, 13, 20; 3. Sundertant, 14, 20. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MEA): Milwaukee Bucks 115; Chacepo Bulls 132. Chacepo Bulls 132. Golden State Warners 107; Charlotte Homers 110. Denver Nuggets 108, Phoerus Suns 113, Mannescon Timber Wolvess 95; Los Angeles Clappers 105, Seartie Supersonics 95.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eton 4, Tonbridge 2 (Eton names first): A Smith-Bingham and 3-15 Lamen bit P Le Marchand and k Walker 3-15 9-15, 15-4, 15-5, 15-11, 19-8 flugby 4, Radiew College 3 (Rugby names first): A Cade and R Tinnich bit J Harrison and N Burt, 8-15, 15-4, 16-16, 1-15, 15-2, 15-3, 15-6.

Oldham have injury doubts about Ritchie, Barlow, Warhurst and Marshall, so Donachie, the 38-year-old coach, stands by to play. Quinn (suspended) misses the visit to his former club. for

Sheff Utd v Middlesbrough United are without Lake (broken leg). Moms (broken hand) is doubtful but Stancliffe, and Gannon return. Mowbray (eye and shin) faces late tests for

First division Norwich recall Allen for the first time since November. Bowen is doubtful, so Goss joins the squad. Robson is absent again for Bruce (suspended) but welcome back Wallace, Ince. and Sharpe.

HOCKEY

and tomorrow.

enforced absence of Halliday, the captain, Jennings

petition against Ireland.

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Christchurch, starting on Monday. The winners of the match will secure the shield. Veteran off form

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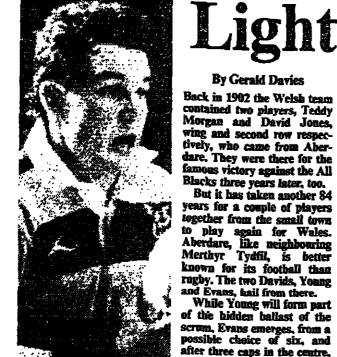
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The Times previews the opening of the five nations' rugby union championship



By Gerald Davies ers the most illustrious, almost Back in 1902 the Welsh team hallowed, certainly the most contained two players, Teddy

argued over, position in the Morgan and David Jones, Welsh team. wing and second row respec-The responsibility, however, tively, who came from Abertests easily on Evans's shouldare. They were there for the ders, and with a degree from University College, Swansea, famous victory against the All Blacks three years later, too. in the science of management, But it has taken another 84 he could be said, apart from his practical qualification, to years for a comple of players logether from the small town be also academically qualified

for the position.

"I am happier when I am able to manage things on the field. I like to be in control," he says. "I don't mind where I play for Wales, but if I had to choose it would be at stand-off of the hidden ballast of the half. I like calling the shots." Although born in Wootton Bassett, where his father was a teacher, his family had, within to inherit the dashing mantle a year, gone to live in Aber-of the stand-off half. Evans is dare. He attended a com-

given to me then and, I suppose, like all children, whatever first jersey you're given is the one you want to stick with after that. At any rate, it's the one in which I feel natural, easy and confident."

He was the Weish schools' stand-off half in 1984 when they lost to the English team captained by Will Carling. However, Evans scored 16 points in the 20-0 victory a beautiful kicker of the ball. against France. Inside him during that season was his partner on Saturday, Robert Jones. But they had played together before that in a curtain-raiser seven-a-side tournament in 1981 before the John Player Cup final at Twickenham. They have not

Ring and Evans have al-

instinctive footballing abilities

of Mark Ring. He is good to

year. He retains his contacts pass here, a flip, finger-tip pass there, with each respondthere and was pleased earlier this week to learn that his friend, Mark Egan, had been chosen captain next season. No one mentor sticks out 25 a major influence on his ragby. "I've had lots of advice."

says. "And have taken little bits from here and there. But then I've made up my own mind. I was a great admirer of Gareth Davies at Cardiff. He was a marvellous tactician and But then I also enjoy the

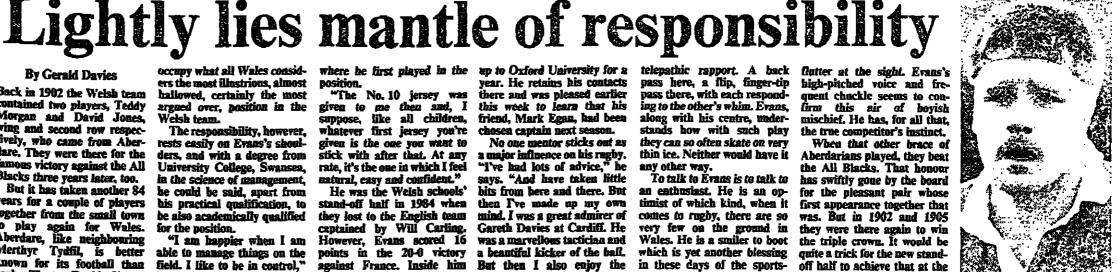
play with. He has this marvel-lous way of making time for himself on the field. I enjoy kicking the ball, it's part of the game, but I prefer running with it." bearing down on them. Many a ready shown for Cardiff a mother's heart is sure to

ing to the other's whim. Evans, along with his centre, understands how with such play they can so often skate on very thin ice. Neither would have it any other way.

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To talk to Evans is to talk to an enthusiast. He is an optimist of which kind, when it first appearance together that comes to rugby, there are so very few on the ground in they were there again to win Wales. He is a smiler to boot the triple crown. It would be which is yet another blessing in these days of the sportsman's stern and furrowed look.

start of a new decade. France Both haif backs seem so is the first hurdle. tender-aged and clean There is a confidence in the scrubbed, they might just be in Welsh team," he said. "I'm the school choir on the way to not going to concern myself with problems that the French ensong, which will be in such contrast to the gnaried features of the French pack



are likely to pose to us. I'd

Wales will aim to exorcise the All Black spectre

By Gerald Davies

If Wales are to stand a chance of beating France this afternoon at Cardiff Arms Park, and so show signs of some progress at last, they must first exorcise what has been over the last three years the engulfing spectre of New

Psychologically, it has been a debilitating and painful experi-ence. But what lies ahead in the five nations' championship is unlikely to match, even taking into account France's supremacy in the last decade, anyone so encompassingly powerful as the All Blacks. That is the lirst

The other, and more directly appropriate, is that of their opponents today. Wales have not beaten France since 1982. Further and more indicative of recent Welsh fragility, France come to Cardiff to record something no one has ever achieved: where, in 1986 a fourth consecutive win on of his 19 caps. Welsh soil. The English lion, rampant, could have achieved it Wales at any rate, the roaring Twenties. But a draw in 1926 spoiled what was an unbeaten run of seven games. Such statistics, however, can so often discomfit the surest of teams,

and boost the underdog. France have not been the surest of learns of late. They have lost four of their last five matches. Selection, too, during the two international matches against Australia was unsettled and the French camp riven with strife. Berbizier, the captain, has

The newcomer for the champ-

elder statesman, the most influential, is missing. Blanco, because of injury, will not hold centre stage. It is he, whenever French tactics have veeted to-wards the leaden, who has brought the wit back into their appearances, invariably won it for them. But Lafond, his replacement, has scored 18 points from the wing in his last two appearances against Wales. He played full back for France B in November.

With Andrieu playing on the wing, and Mesnel out of the reckoning, the exciting Charvet, a man with ambitions of movie stardom, is rehabilitated in the centre. His 80-metre run in the club final won Toulouse the championship last season. For him it is a return to the stadium where, in 1986, he won the first

For Wales, apart from the front row, which has played together once, no other of the groupings within the team, from half back and centres to locks and back row, have combined together before. Phil Davies. having played previously at either No. 8 or lock, plays for the first time on the flank. Andy Allen, in the second row, is the only new cap. It is an untested combination but, consolation or not, the Welsh pack weighs in at an average 41b heavier than

Wales's back division looks full of potential, but whether it is said his aim in this first match is realized depends on the forton recapture the old confidence. So that what hints were given of new faces about to emerge, has season but not much accrued the soften accorded. been cast aside. thereafter. France have out-It is the old guard we have scored them by 13 tries to one in here. Garuet is 36, Erbani 33.
The newcomer for the champWales keeping in touch largely ionship is Olivier Roumat, the by kicking 14 penalties. Which, No. 8, who is 23. The other come to think of it, along with inexperienced player is the psychological barriers, is Devergie, who earns his sixth quite a practical barrier to cap at lock.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

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Wales			France
P H Thorburn (Neath)	15	Full Back	J-B Lafond 1 (Racing Club de France)
M H Titley (Swansea)	14	Right wing	M Andrieu 1 (Nimes)
M G Ring (Cardiff)	13	Right centre	P Selia 1: (Agen)
M R Hall (Cardd)	12	Left centre	D Charvet 1: (Toulouse)
A Emyr (Swansea)	11	Left wing	P Lagisquet 1' (Bayonne)
D W Evans (Cerdiff)	10	Stand off	D Camberabero 1((Bézers)
R N Jones* (Swanses)	9	Scrum half	P Berbizier* ((Agen)
M Griffiths (Cardifi)	1	Prop	P Ondarts (Biamta)
K H Phillips (Neath)	2	Hooker	L Armary 2 (Lourdes)
D Young (Cardif)	3	Prop	J-P Garuet (Lourdes)
P T Davies (Llaneli)	6	Flanker	E Champ (Toulon)
A G Alien (Newbroge)	4	Lock	T Devergie (Nimes)
K Moseley (Pontypool)	5	Lock	D Erbani ((Agen)
G Jones (Lianelli)	7	Flanker	L Rodriguez 7 (Dax)
M A Jones (Neath) *Captain	8	No 8	O Roumat 8 (Dax) *Captain
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Referee: F A Howard (England) REPLACEMENTS: 16 C Davies (Lianelli), REPLACEMENTS: 16 D Bouet (Dax), 17 M

17 A Clement (Swansea), 16 A H Booth (Cardit), 19 G Jenkins (Pontypool), 20 H H Sanz (Narbonne), 20 T Lacroix (Nice), Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), 21 M Perego (Liensiti)

Waterloo get a pat on back from Quittenton

their side, were much en-couraged to receive a letter from which they accepted defeat (David Hands writes). Quittenton was an international

Roger's standing taking the trouble to say how well we played was a tremendous fillip." lan Fazey, the club spokesman, Waterloo's local derby with Liverpool St Helens today is part of an attenuated club

season that to have someone of

programme this weekend which now includes a game at Old Deer Park tomorrow between London Welsh and Public

England attempt to bury the past and build for the future

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

A glance at the list of five nations' championship win-ners over the last 20 years, which is tabulated on this page, is an indication of the perils awaiting those who prophesy a bright future for England. One outright win, and a share in the quintuple season of 1973, adds up to nothing more than a fierce argument that the country's natural resource overwhelming playing strength — has been wasted.

For many seasons, representatives of the other home countries - Finlay Calder, last summer's British Isles captain, was the latest last month - have argued that, if England ever get their act together, they have the capacity to beat anyone in the world.

Changes in the domestic playing structure and team management made over the last three years may not yet show he is there of right ahead face, but it has helped increase Efficiency is not necessarily but, if it produces the successes which, all too often, have slipped through English will be happy.

Ireland at Twickenham touring side had they been should prove an admirable chosen last year. stage where England can display their virtues of efficiency, of experience and - we should not. I suppose, be afraid to say so - of natural ability. Their XV comprises a powerful mixture of players blessed with talent and others who have worked to make it so.

instance, Underwood, Carling and Guscott have been granted formidable gifts of pace, deceptive running and strength. Hill and Hodgkinson have worked formidably hard. to make themselves interhalf's skills or adapting from stand-off half to full back.

England SD Hodgkinson 15

11

10

R Underwood

W D C Carling*

J C Guscott

M D Bailey

C R Andrew

P A G Rendall

B C Moore

(Nottingham)

J A Probyn

M G Skimner

W A Dooley

P J Ackford

D W Egerton

P J Winterbottom 7

REPLACEMENTS: 16 A J Bosza (Wasps). 17 S J Haffday (Barn), 18 S J Bates (Wasps), 19 M S Lisnett (Moseley), 20 C J Cheer (Harrequents), 21 M C Tengue

(Wasps) R J Hill

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Jestissary 21: Scottand 23, Wales 7; Ireland 21 France 26. February 4: Wales 13, tretend 19: England 12, Scottand 12. 18: France 31, Wales 12; Ireland 3, England 16. March 4: England 11, France 0; Scottand 37, Ireland 21. 18: France 19, Scottand 3; Wales 12, England 9. 4 2 1 1 48 27 5 4 2 1 1 75 59 5

All this does not, in itself, make the English back division the greatest thing, as Andy Ripley used to say, since sliced bread. Guscott has to prove to himself and his colleagues that he can exist in the frenetic atmosphere of the five nations; Carling must of the unlucky Halliday. But it is a beginning, with a

the efficiency of the players, powerful ally in a pack comprising three of the tight the most attractive of qualities forwards who made the Lions so formidable in Australia, and two - Probyn and Egerton - who, by their play fingers, a long-suffering public for the four home unions XV against France in Paris last This afternoon's Save and October, suggested that they Prosper international against would not have let down the

It is those forwards who should dominate the game. The Irish have a new cap. Halpin, at tight-head prop opposed to the vastly experienced Rendall, and a tight head, Fitzgerald, on the loosehead side against the awkward Probyn. Ackford, Dooley, In the back division, for Skinner and Egerton should ensure a good tally of lineout ball, and Winterbottom, aware of the proximity in the rankings of Robinson and Rees, will need no motivation

whatsoever. Hang on, though. What national players, by endless about the 15 fellows in green training to perfect the scrum on the other side? The one certainty about Ireland is that they are not just here to make

Ireland

K Murphy

(Dolphin) B J Mullin

D G Irwin

K D Crossan

P C Russell

L F P Aheme

D C Fitzgerald

(Lanscown S J Smith

G F Halpin

P M Matthews

(Wanderers)

N P T Francis

(Blackrock College)

W A Anderson

(Sunday's Well)

(Corinthians) "Captain

PT J O'Hara

N P Mannion

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P Murray

(Shannon), 17 B A Smith (Oxford) University), 18 M T Bradley (Constitution).

19 P C Collins (London Insh), 20 N J

all (Greystones), 21 J P

M J Kieman

TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

Full Back

Right centre

Left centre

Left wind

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

Flanker

Lock

Lock

Flanker

No 8

up the numbers. They will compete ferociously for ball on the ground, and Aherne and Russell will doubtless test England's defensive triangle of full back and wings with a

mixture of tactical kicking. Irwin will be itching to get among the English midfield and Mullin's finishing in a broken field is universally acknowledged, but it is hard not to feel that Ireland have left one of their best weapons on the beach. Smith, the Oxford University stand-off half, is outstanding now relieved of the domestic duties of captaincy which made him appear so careworn before Christmas. If he was worth his place against New Zealand last November, he is certainly worth it at Twickenham, where he has played twice in

university matches. However, it will matter little who Ireland have behind the scrum if their forwards are on limited rations, and everything suggests they will be. Their one forward of world class is Matthews, and he has two colleagues of considerable potential alongside him in Francis and Mannion, even if Francis is there only because of injury to Lenihan.

Theirs is the potential which shows to best effect in a loose game where there is, roughly, equality at forward. The presence of a French referee, Patrick Robin, should encourage fluidity, though England notoriously prosper on a more structured approach. England know they can reduce the prospect of Francis or Mannion galloping into them by tying them up in rolling mauls and leaving Hill and Andrew to direct affairs.

It is an important day for Hill, his second coming, as it blighted by events at Cardiff in 1987. His ambition is no less after nearly three years of disappointment, but his tem-perament and strategic approach are much improved. "I am now the servant of the backs again rather than their master," he says.

"When I first began toplevel rugby. I was there to give the ball to John Horton. Then Bath developed a style which meant that I joined in with the forwards' driving game more, and that spilled over when I first played for England. Now, Bath are insisting that the backs see more of the ball. That is how I am playing it."

Together, he and Andrew could yet be an outstanding half-back pairing, of the kind England so seldom have. If that link is well-forged today, then the future - whatever qualms history suggests - may indeed be bright.



Egerton under pressure in the void left by Richards

By David Hands

Some very good players have never represented their country because they happened to be born at the wrong time and their career coincided with that of another outstanding performer.
In that respect, David Egerton
has been lucky to have collected
five caps during a period when it
appeared that Dean Richard's ormidable bulk would occupy the England No. 8 shirt for the foreseeable future.

Now Richards is laid off for the season with a damaged shoulder and Egerton has the chance to demonstrate the skills. which in 1986 placed him alongside the Leicester man as Eng-land sifted, yet again, through the various contenders for the place vacated two years earlier by the long-serving John Scott.

It is a prospect which leaves
Egerton, now 28, slightly uneasy. "You get disappointed if
you are dropped, but you get over
it and when you are on the bench
it's excise to release. Now Um in it's easier to relax. Now I'm in the firing line I'm not as jolly as

I might be. I feel under pressure
to bold my place because there
are a lot of good players around.
"I'm thrilled to be in and I want to play a good game. But I want to enjoy it too, for what it prove I can withstand the pressure of a five nations' game, prove myself to Geoff [Cooke, the team manager and Roger [Uttley, the coach]." Even so, a sense of humour cannot be buried, "I'm worried about the lack of diversity in my caps two against Australia [as flanker], two against Fiji, now

two against Ireland!"
Egerton, born in Pinner and educated at Salisbury and Loughborough, has little left to prove to the supporters of Bath, where he has been part of the despite his caps, he has yet to play in the five nations' championship and he has to fill a void made all the emptier by Richarde's antstanding form at me and in Australia with the

He has, though, an excellent rapport with the man he replaces. During England's tour to Australia in 1988 he roomed with Richards, and while the team exclimational at McKay team acclimatized at McKay, the two of them took to earlymorning swimming and canoe-ing together, returning in time for breakfast. Richards has

made sure to wish him good fortune against the Irish. "I have got to try and play my own game. It would be silly to try

ing, but I'm stronger now and the technique changes slightly. " I can't change direction as quickly as Andy Robinson; I

quickly as Almy koomson, can't run through people like John Hall, but providing I understand what they can do. I can be in the right place at the

right time to do what I can to

Students show seniors the way

By David Hands

English Universities 18 Irish Universities 34

you came from across St George's Channel seeking omens for today's international. then the London Irish ground vesterday was the place to be. On the kind of wet, windy afternoon which is always said to suit Irish players, Irish Universities played excepgoals, a try and four penalty

goals to three goals. Their deserved superiority was rubbed in by an outstanding performance from Lynagh. who, despite the squalls, kicked every goal save one that came his way. Airchison's three conversions were well struck too, but opportunity knocked far less frequently for the

They were 22-0 down at the interval, Finnegan scoring two tries in three minutes following English hesitation in defence. England finally realized that more ground could be made by putting boot to ball, and Nickalls's kicks helped earn tries for Peters and Taylor, who completed a move which he had

started. The Irish were then permitted an illegal pass off the ground in the build-up to a try by Johns and Glennon chipped ahead from a scrum and went over unchallenged before rounded off the English effort.

9CORERS: English Universities: Tries: Peters, Taylor, Willert. Conversions: Archison (3). Intel: Universities: Tries: Finnegan (2), Johns, Glehnon, Conver-

sions: Lynagh (3). Penalty goals: Lynagh (4). ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: G Affablish (Newcaste): A Perton (Loughborough). N Robinson (East Anglis), R McXessghton (Liverpooh, I McLeod (Bristol); D Willett (Exper), A Nickella (Newcastle); G Baldwin (Loughborough). A Adeir (Manchester; rep: A Hetherington, Newcastle), R Warehard (Loughborough, C Moore (Saford, P McCoy (Liverpoof), I Pickerp (Warwick), G Taylor (Loughborough). E Peters (Loughborough).

and play the same way as Dean. Roger has suggested different things, which I've taken on

heard and will try and boild into

my game. There is a hole, but I

"I'm a great believer in the New Zealand game which in-

sists that you get over the gain line, even if it's only a foot, so that you give your side a target.

a raging bull, but I can get to most places, even if it's in a

"After Dean justified his

selection ahead of me four years

ago I was disappointed but tended to accept it. Since then I think my decision-making has

improved and I have the con-

turity. I think I stay on my feet

better. What is harder is train-

different way to Dean.

have to fill it in my way.

(Loughborough), E Peters (Loughborough), E Peters (Loughborough), ERSH UNIVERSITES: C Helly (UC Cork: rig: F Betme, UC Galway); J Harley (Queen's, Betlast), R Moloney (UC Cork), D Lymagh (bublin), B Glenson (UC Dublin), R Seunders (Queen's Betlast, capi); B Hyland (UC Cork), P Kenny (Dublin), C O'Brien (Dublin), R Finnegan (UC Dublin), P Johns (Dublin), M O'Driscott (UC Cork), D O'Flenerty (UC Dublin), K Gelfick (Queen's Betlast).

Referes: G Hewitt (London). To complete a student double. the Irish Colleges beat their English counterparts 24-13 at the Centaurs ground, Osterley.

Waterloo, who are rebuilding our disciplinary record this

Roger Quittenton congratulating them on their performance in the 22-12 loss at Coventry in the league last week - which had helped make his task as referee easier - and on the manner in

panel referee for 13 years.

"We have had so much criticism both of our play and School Wanderers.

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By David Powell **Athletics Correspon** Auckland

Tom McKean admits to being a reluctant pacemaker. This time, though, he may have given the others too much of a start. While Sebastian Coe and the Kenyans have been allowed to run on ahead in their preparations for the Commonwealth Games 800 metres, McKean's mind has been wandering.

"I said last year that my main aim for this year would be the European championships, and I have also used my build-up for the Commonwealth Games as an experiment for running indoors next year. It's a strange feeling to be running so fast in the middle of winter," he said. But, as he today since his World Cup win in September, McKean's mind started racing again.

"I came off the World Cup on a high, took a bit of a break and picked up the training gradually from October and

time, the Kenyans were set for their trials and Coe was packing his bags for fine-tuning in Australia. "As the Games get closer, I am starting to get nervous and the hunger to win is returning," McKean said.

Not that he has much need for a meal. The diet of 1987, when he finished last in the world championship final, and 1988, when he was disqualified in the second round of the Olympics, went out of the window in 1989. The Scot produced European and World Cup victories, and a win over Paul Ereng - the Olympic champion's first defeat since Seoul.

There had been too much of good thing in 1985, when McKean completed 34 successive wins, and 1986,

November," he said. By that **Auckland taxpayers** pick up Games loss

pick up a £5 million bill as part of a plan by the New Zealand overnment to finance a loss of £8.3 million, which has been budgeted for by the organizers of the Commonwealth Games. The host city will cover twothirds of the loss and the

tral government funds. Last August. David Johnson. the former Games chairman, disclosed potential losses of £4.2 milion. Then he resigned after being arrested on conspiracy charges involving a multi-mil-lion dollar fraud relating to private business affairs.

England, the favourites, and

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First division

Third division

Bolton v Cardiff...... Brentford v Bristol R.

Crewe v Birmingham Mansfield v Chester...

Notts Co v Leyton O Preston v Rotherhan

Vauxtall League Premier division

Kingstorian v Harrov Leyton-W v Carshalts

larlow v B Stortford ...

Preston v Hotherham... Shrewsbury v Reading

Barclays League

Aston Villa v Southampton ..

Manchester C v Coventry.

Cheisea v Charlton C Palace v Liverpool

group of the Games badminton tournament, with New Zealand, Australia and India. Malaysia and Canada, the second and third seeds, are grouped with Hong Kong, Northern Ireland and the Maldives. Swaziland, who pulled out

of the Games earlier this week for financial reasons, yesterday sent a reduced team to Auck land after an emergency cam-paign to raise money. The team of runners, shooters, swin and bowlers, reduced from 31 to 16. are due to arrive in New Zealand on Tuesday, a day before the Games open. The trip had been cancelled last Tuesday after the government said it had

and European silver. "The problem before the world championships was that he had been winning all the time," Tommy Boyle, his coach, said.

Despite three European Cup triumphs and one in the World Cup, McKean still lacks an international championship gold. But once the 800 metres begins on January 29, he will be as competitive as

Neither the Kenyans, Kiprotich or Kibet, who both ran faster than McKean last year, nor Coe, who headed the rankings, will feel comfortable with McKean at their heels as the finishing straight beckons. Renowned for his finishing speed, he feels more confident than ever with his kick. "The only difference in my training has been that I'm not doing so much of the long stuff," he said. "I was doing 1,000s and three-minute runs, which I'm not doing now, and my flat speed has improved."

The list of names which made Britain pre-eminent in world 800-metre running in the 1980s goes down as far as McKean. But, unlike the other four - Coe, Ovett, Cram and Elliott - he has remained faithful to the distance in his five years as a senior

Soon, he may have to sing the anthem alone. Ovett's international days appear to be over, Coe retires after the Games. Cram is considering a move up to 5,000 metres next year, and Elliott has become entrenched in the 1,500

Nothing would give icKean greater pleasure than to beat Coe, the world recordholder for 800 metres, at his last Games. "The guy has been my hero since I started running," he said. "But if I can spoil it for him, that's OK by

Tennents Scottish Cup

Brechin v Hibernian (2.00). Cowdenbeath v Stranraer . Dundee v Dundee Utd

Dunfermine v Hamilton E Fife v Meadowbank ... E Stirling v Stirling A

Morton v Raith R

otherwell v Clyde

Kilmernock v Stenho

Ashford v Weymouth

een of Sth v Alloa.

B and Q Scottish League Second division

Beazer Homes League Premier Division

Atherstone v Dover
Bath v Gosport
Bromsgrove v Corby
Cambridge C v Waterlooville
Dorchester v Crawley
Gloucester v Dentford

Moor Green v Chelmsford

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-visios: Bristol M Farm v Bidelord; Chippenham v Dewieh; Exmouth v Radstods; Frome v Clevedon; Liskeard v Taunton; Pymouth Arg v Welton; Satissh v Tiverton; Swenage and H v Men-gossfeld.

gotsfield.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v
Skelmensdele: Atherton LR v Leyland
Motors; Bodile v Burscough; Darwen v
Prescot Cablet; Knowsley v Citheros;
Vauchall GM v Nantwich.

ALLERIGHT SITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: AFC Cardiff v Aberystevyth (2.15); Caursea v Tymyn and Bryn (2.15); Kochyn Bay v Barry Town (2.15); Kochyn Bangor City; Rhyl v Llanelli (2.15).

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vision: Billingham Town v Whickham (2.30); Brandon v Shidon; Guisborough v Spannymoor; Sasham; Guisborough v Spannymoor; Sasham Rad Star v South Benk; Tow Law v Farryhli (2.30); Whitby v Sheking

RUGBY LEAGUE

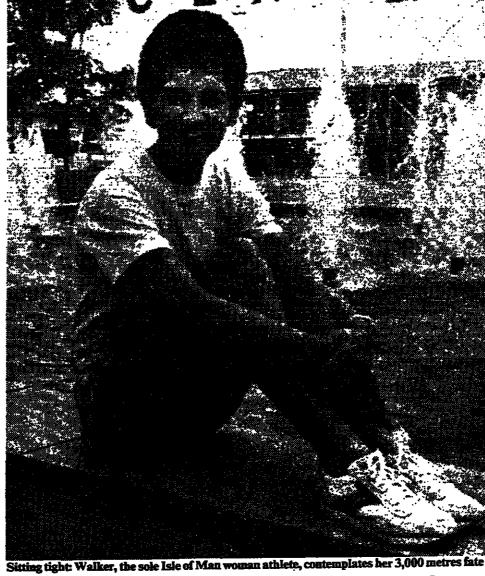
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Custieford v Wignes (2.45).

BAŞKETBALL

VS Rugby v Burton ...

Third round

Airdrie v 1 Caledonia



Walker runs for memories

nda Walker is the Isle of n women's athletics team. At monwealth Games in ber first few months as a track runner. But not for that reason alone should the island be proud of her. There are no all-weather tracks in the Isle of Man.

The trial which got her to Auckland for the 3,000 metres was bardly the Alexander Stadium with Coe, Ovett, Rosenthal et al. It was not even run over the right distance. She flew to Bromley, Kent, after personading the timekeepers of a 5,000 metres race to clock her at 3,000 metres. The trouble she took was worth it: she scraped inside in 35sec qualifying time

Now, Walker may need to find another 30sec to avoid finishing

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

England v Ireland (at Twickenham,

Wales v France (at National Sta-dium, Cardiff)

Cambridge Univ v Durham Univ

Melrose v Stewarts Mel FP (2.0)

NORTH: Club matches: Acidem v York; Adwick v Gainsborough; Ashton-under-

Blackheath v Gloucester (2.15) ...

Gosforth v Hawick (2.15) ...

Headingley v Harrogate....... Kendal v New Brighton (2.15)

2.30 unless stated

Club matches

Fylde v Gala

international matches

day of athletics next Saturday. "I'm terrified about this race.

But, so the big day is not spoiled, she is going to get the hang of finishing last. She has put her name down for a 1,500 metres Games warm-up race today, and steps on to the track against Liz McColgan, Yvonne Murray and nine other women capable of 4:15 or better. "I think my best is about 4:40," she

9:02," she said.

As she spoke in the athletes' canteen. Schastian Coe walked by. "Isn't that Seb Coe? I've just n Seb Coe," she said, drawseen Sen Coe, she sam, uraw-ing breath deep enough to have got her around a lap. They probably say much the same about Brenda Walker on the Isle

Hightown v Thornton Cleveleys; Hornsea v Knottingley XV; Huddersfield v Blaydon; Huddersfield YMCA v West Leeds; Hull Huddersfield YMCA v West Leeds; Hull

Huddersfield TMCA v treat Lawren i and ER v Moortown; Hudlersteins v Driffield; Hull University v BP Chemicals; tikey v Bradford Salem; Kelghiev; XV v Wibbey; Kandal v New Brighton; Kersal v Blankburn; Kirkby Lonsdele v Rochdale;

Vincey; Nation V new Experience Anneal V Blackburn; Kirtby Lonsdele V Rochdale; Leeds Coringhans v Yambury; Leeds CSSA v Bradtord University; Leeds YMCA v Alrebronians; Lincoln v Chesterfield; Liverpool Collegiate v Moore; Malton and Norton v Wetherby; Martest Rasen v Grimsby; Melish v Hemsworth; Mersey Police v Waterloo XV; Metrovick v Leek-Middlechrough v Borundmurn; Moore v Middlechrough v Borundmurn.

Middlesbrough v Boroughmur, Morley vale of Lune; Newton-le-Willows v Congleton; Northallerton v Barnsley

Aldwinians v Ashton on Mersey: Oknam v Sedgley Paric. Old Modernians v Sedgley Paric. Old Modernians v Stocksbridge; Old Otilensians v Burnsge; Orrail v Sals; Osset v Huddersfield XV; Otley v London Scottish; Otley Saracens v Belidon; Pockängton v Old Hymerians; Pontetract v Goole; Richmondistre v Gosforth XV; Rippon v Redcar; Roundhay; Sandbach v Manchester; Scarborough v Marist; Scurthorpe v Lacdiensians; Sebby v Cleckheston; Stopton v Cohe and Nelson; St Mary's OB v South Liverpool; Thornensians XV v Armthorpe Maricham; Walksey v Ormskidt; Warrisgton v Newcastie; Waterloo v Liverpool St Helens; Wath v Heath; Warrisydale v Bishop Auckland; Wast Park Branthope v Old Crossleyans; Wharfedale v Darfington; Whitty v Gosforth Greyhounds; Widnes v Preston Grasshoppers; Wigen v Hull Ioniens; Wirral v Lymm; York RI v Beverley; Yorissine GW v Phoentx Park.

Michelin; Anstay v Melton Montoray; Ashboume v Budden; Belgrave v

MEDLANDS: Ctub matches: All Spartens v Michelin; Anstey v Methon Mowtray; Ashbourne v Bucdon; Beigrave v Bedworth; Berisswell & Belsail v Witton; Berry Hill v Wohverhampton; Bewelley and Stourport v Alcester; Birmingham and Sollhuli v Dudley Kingswinford; Birmingham City Officials v Wednesbury; Birmingham Welsh v Rugby Welsh; Bur-bage v Old Warwickleins; Burdon v Old Learningtonlans; Cannock v Birmincham

Sollhuli v Dudley Kingswintord; Birmingham Weish v Rugby Weish; Burbage v Old Warwickiens; Burbon v Old Learningtoniens; Casnock v Birmingham CS; Coalville v West Midands Police; Corby & Bugbrooks; Coverty Sarocers v Daventry; Derby v Learnington; Drohwich v Old Longbrisens; East Leake v Yarborough Sees; Erdington v Newport; Handsworth v Birdgrorth; Hinckley v Loughborough; Bieston v Wigston; Kleworth v Northempton Mans Over; Kleworth v Northempton Mans; Manor Park v Claverdor; Market Bosworth v Long Eaton; Market Bosworth v System; Old Soworthians v New Parks Old Soys; Old Bosworthians v New Parks Old Soys; Old Lauruntians v Coventry Post Office; Old Longonians v Selby Oak; Old Moseletans v Rubery Owen; Old Newtonians v Pfiley; Old Newtonians v Pfiley; Old Newtonians v Willenheit; Old Maladited Newtonians v Willenheit; Old Maladited Newtonians v Manscholans (Old Calks v Absological Personians)

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WEST: Club assiches: Aretians v Bristol Seracens; Avon and Somerset Police v Sideford; Avonvale v Trowbridge; Bishopston v Old Elaberbane; Blegdon v Kingswood; Bridgwater and Alburi v Recruit Firstol Teleshonse v Medicherer

Bildeford; Avonvalle v Trowbridge; Bishopston v Old Elizabethans; Blagdon v Kingswood: Bridgwester and Ablon v Hedruth; Bristol Telephones v Melicaham; Chedder v Bridgwester Utič. Chippenham v Lydney; Cotham Park v Cithon Wends; Credition v Devon and Comwell Police; Devorport Services v Torquisy Aft; Frampion Cotherell v Dings Crusaders; Gordano v Avorssoutt; Hornets v Combe Down; Imperiel v Broad Plain; Looe v Bude; Melicanes v Norton v St Mary's Old Boys; Newton Abbot v Felmouth; North Bristol v Burnham; Old Cothamiams v Winscombir; Old Ashtoniams v Cithon Edles; Old Bristolians v Keynsham; Old Cotechians v Defield; Old Techniciams v Wedebridge Cametic, Pennya v Camborne; Plymouth Ab Ex v Petrzante Newfyr; Redruth GS Old Boys v Stithiens; SW Gas v Ashley Done Utic; St Bennderts old Boys v Berfon; Hai; St Brenderts Old Boys v Thornbusy; St Aushall v Hayle; St Ive v Tiveron; Tassino v Easter University; Widden v Bath CE; Wateot v Caincross; Whitehall v Chipping Sodbury; Wellington v Sidhouth; Yation v BAC.

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WELAND: Seglor club: Bective Rengers v
Corinthians; Clontar! v Highiteld;
Greystones v Athlone; Old Belvedere v
Cusen's University; Oxford University v
Dublin University; Portadown v
Monkstown; Shannon v Landowne;
Young Munster v DLSP; Ballydare v City
of Derry; Malone v Bellymena; Cooles v
Collegions; NEC v Acadessy; Instonians v
Colerain.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: ADT CLOB Shork Table: Old Blues v Old Admillions; Old Halleyburiens v Old Dunstonism.

of Man. "There's not anoth Manx woman who has ever got under 10 minutes for 3,000 metres," Walker said.
At the time of the last

Commonwealth Games, in Edin-burgh, Walker had just started running in response to a scare that she had breast cancer. "I on," she said. After three years on the road, she tried the track. Who wouldn't, given free flights to Britain by a local airline? Walker would have done no

better to have chosen swim or shooting to focus on. "The runners have not got an all-weather track, the swimmers have not got a competition-size pool, and the shooters have not got a 50-metre range," she said. But at least they have got their Commonwealth Games T-shirts

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INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Crystel Palace); (ment: Austria
v Scotland (1,0); Scotland v Wales (4,0);
England v Austria (7,0); (Women); Wales v
Ireland (2,0); Australia v Scotland (3,0);
England v Wales (5,0); Ireland v Australia
(6,0); Scotland v England (8,0);
SOUTH EAST: Clab matches: Aylesbury v
Richings Park; Sishop's Stortland v
Saffron Walden; Blackhesth v Reading;
Crostyx v Chalmsford; Pareham v Bognor;
Felisshow v Ipswich and East Suffolk;
Gravesend v Old Bordenlans; Harleston
Maggles v Wisbech; brauch v Bury St
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Edmunds; St Neots v Pelicans; Westbill'v
Old Loughtonians; West Hertfordshire v
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don; Khalsa v Handsworth Espies; Kdo minster v Edgbaston; Kynoch v Tetlo Loughborough Students v GEC Covers Loughborough Town v Lalecaser, Melk Betvolra v Manafield; Northempton Sain v Royston; North Nottingham v Gyrd North Stafford v Decade Rambien Nottinghamiens v Coventry; North Co-

Nottinghamlans v Coventry; Notts Gragcry v John Player; Notts University v
Berton; Otton v Whitchurch; Old Similians
v GEC Rugby; Old Welfrunians v
Bridgnorth; Redditch v Chettenfams;
Rugby v Horton House; Sheffield v
Chesterfield; Sitch Union [Cov] v Northampton; Standard v West Bromwich;
Stone v Lichfield; Stourport v Finchfield;
Streetly v Kings Healt; Tamoorth v
Shrewsbury; Weissell v Stefford; Warwick v
Plickwick; West Bridgford v Burton;
Wolverhampton v Old Heissoniens;
Worcester v Evestern.
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LEAGUE: Cition v Great Harwood (12.0);
Highsom v Orpington (11.30); Slough v
Eding (2.30); Sutton Coldield v Eumouth

ICE HOCKEY HENERON LEAGUE: Premier Civision: Ayr v Murrayfield (at Glasgow, 5.0); File v Solituli (7.15); Notinglasm v Durham (5.30); First division: Slough v Streetham (5.45); Swindon v Trafford (5.0); Telford v Medway (7.0).

Medway (7.0). ICY SMITH CUP: First round, second leg:

Cardiii v Peterborough (6.30).
AUTUMN TROPHY: Fleet, first leg:
Humberside v Bracknet (5.15).
ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division:
Sunderland v Basingstoks (5.30).

artistics makes a Games comeback begin in Auckland, New Zen-land, on Thursday. The Times is With artistics an official Commonwealth Games sport for the first time since 1978, all

previewing each of the 10 medal sports. Today: gymnastics four home countries have been

national champion, shared with Lisa Elliott, of England. Elliott is again in the English team, hoping to make the floor medal

all her own. However, Canadian confidence was shaken at the world hampionships in Stuttgart last October when the British men overtook them in the team competition. Three of those triumphant Britons are representing Britain in Auckland and could dislodge their rivals again. They are James May, the national champion, Terry Bart-lett and Neil Thomas. David Cox, the British reserve at Stuttgart, is the fourth.

The Weishmen could reach medal status with experienced performers such as Andrew Morris, the former British champion, and David Griffiths. This could be at the expense of Australia, who were ranked below Canada at the world

hampionships. In the women's competition. Canada are likely to retain their team title, with England and Australia facing a close battle for Australia mening active bath for the other medals. All four English girls — Lisa Grayson, the British champion, Lisa Elliott, Lorna Mainwaring and Louist Redding - performed with distinction in Stattgart Wales, fourth in Falkirk, could also be a

strong challenger.
On form, the individual overall artistic titles should fall to Canadians. However, May, who has been consistently showing world-class form, could upset Canadian hopes in the men's

1986, Canada won all the gold medals—team and individual— except the floor gold which Maria Covacci, the Canadian Asian cities favourites

Auckland (Reuter) - Delhi and Kuala Lumpur are the front-runners in the race to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games, a Games official said yesterday. David Dixon, the secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), said: " The Games have never been held in Asia and that must count in those cities' favour.

By Peter Aykroyd

able to obtain grant aid to send

the gymnasts to Auckland. In 1982, the Commonwealth

Gymnastics Federation (CGF)

was founded to stage a com-petition for member countries

alongside the Games when the

sport was not included officially. CGF events are not eligible for

full grant aid, and in 1982, in Brisbane, and in 1986, in Fal-

kirk, the national associations of

England, Wales, Scotland and

Northern Ireland had to restrict

the numbers of their partici-

Even with grant aid available

this time, England is the only home country with a full team —

four men, four women and, for the first time in the Games,

three rhythmic gymnasts. Wales

have nearly a full complement,

but have only one rhythmic symnast. Scotland are sending

three men, three women and two rhythmic gymnasts, while Northern Ireland are repre-sented by one man and four

women.
Starting on January 25, there are artistic team championships for both men and women, leading to individual overall

finals and individual apparatus finals. Rhythmic gymnasts have

an individual overall com-petition followed by individual

apparatus finals with rope,

hoop, ball and ribbon.
The dominant Common-

wealth country in artistic gym-

nastics during the last decade has been Canada, who hold both

team and individual titles. In

The secretary-general of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Randhir Singh, is planning to travel to Auckland to launch Delhi's bid, despite the

OTHER SPORT

Premier (Mandowbank Sport Centre.

BOWLS: London and Southern Counties Challenge Shield: First round. FENCING: Women's Under-20 Foll Championships (De Beaumont Centre,

(CE SKATBIG: Hobs Most and Mal Edwards Open Dance (Solihuli).

SQUASH RACKETS: Under-19 Home

Indian sports ministry's refusal to approve a visit by a nine-member IOA delegation. A ministry official said permission was denied because the IOA did not seek government approval for its bid: "The government wants us to seek sponsorships for sports events and not bank:

on grants." Dixon said that the Australian cities of Adelaide and Perth were also candidates for the 1998 Games. The CGF will decide the venue during the 1992 Olympic Games in

TABLE TENNIS

Prean in form at **Top 12**

From Richard Eaton Hanover

Carl Prean made an encouraging, start in his bid to climb amongthe game's elite when he beat No. 1, 22-20, 21-11, 21-18, in the Stiga Europe Top 12 tour-nament here yesterday.

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The secret of his success was the development of his back-. hand hit. Time and again Prean projected it across court with short staccato strokes that kept Primorac under pressure. Occa-sionally he switched it, without telegraphing it, down the line to

devastating effect. In the first game, Prean trailed... 10-15 as the Yugosiav scored with slowing top spins, and might have gone 18-20 down had be not managed a lucky edge. But the backhand block and hit that got Prean to 22-20 helped turn the match.

Earlier Fliura Bulatova, of the Soviet Union, the European champion, was controversially Her national association did not want her to play because she. participated in the Italian Club Cup of Champions, apparently without permission, and the European Table Tennis Union accepted the authority of her country's association. Thus, a largely amateur body denied participation to a full-time prosional who had reportedly travelled to the tournament at her own expense.

Austria.
TENNIS: Erosport 4-6 and 10-11pm: Highlights of the Australian Open from Finders Park, Melbourne.

LACROSSE

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BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper conference: Buth v Hampstead; Hitchin v Beckenhen; London v Oxford, Lower conference: Brighton v Chipstead; Cambridge v Southsepton; Hilcori v Croydon, Brine Northern League: Second division: Old Wacconians A v Heaton Mersey Guid, Third Distalon: Urreston A v Leads University, Awa Insurance Flage: Second rouse; Heaton Mersey v Cheddig, Mellor v Çid Wacconians; Rochdale v Tiraperley; Sheffield Steelers v Stockport. **VOLLEYBALL**

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ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: (men): Resbotk Liverpool City v Time Out Spark (60); Speedwell Rucanor v Polonia (7.0); Star Aguilla v Poole Sports Centre (7.30); MGI Wessex v Dynamo London (6.30); Staffordeshire Moorlands v Brissol Polytechnic (7.30); Hilton Leeds v Team Mizzno Maiory (6.30); First divisions: (women): Hilton Leeds v GP Scorpions (3.30); Sovereign Leeding Sale v MGI Wessex (6.30) Ashoombe v Dynamo London (2.30); Briden Krights v NM Portsmouth (12.30); Briden Krights v NM Portsmouth (12.30); Briden Krights v Team Royal (Messex (6.30); Ashoombe v Dynamo Candrals. First division (women): Kibride v Team Novasport Dy'; Falicirk v Airdrie; Team Krystel Kleer v Belfshill Cardinals. First division (women): Whittum Centre v Adscreen Kyst; Elliott Sports Jels v Glasgow Barmerman; Provincial Insurano v Grangeburn Coaches; Falicirk v Airdrie; Hydrasun Tulios v Deloitte Hazishead.

HANDBALL BRITISH LEAGUE: (Men): Strathclyd University v Liverpool (2.0).

Today AMERICAN POOTBALL 10am-midday: National F AMERICAN FOOTBULL Screenport 10sm-middy; National Footbul League AFC play-offs.

ASSETBALL: Screenport 9.30-11pm: College match: Duke v NC.

BOXING: Screenport 11pm: Professional event from the United States.

EUROSPORT: MENU: Barcsport 9-9-30em. 9.30am. PORD SNOW REPORT: Eurosport 10-

FOOTBALL: Screensport 2-3.45pm: Spanish League: Oviedo v Real Medrict Eurosport 8-10pm: Spanish League. Oxido to Real Medrict Eurosport 8-10pm: Spanish League. GRANDSTANE: BBC! 12.15-5.05pm; Rugby Uniou; Five nations? charage-ionsing: Live coverage of England v Irelands from Twicksyniagn, and Inghights of Walse v France from Cardiff: Commonwealth Games: A review of past years: Sking: Horlights of the Merris Downhill from Kitzbuhge: Racing: 12.45, 1.15 and 1.50 from Haydock Park. CE HOCKEY: Screensport 4-88m 12-cpn; and 7.30-9.30pm: National Hockey League: Games A and B.

ICE SKATING: Screensport 3.45 Highlights of the Skate Ame hibition of champions. MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 9-10am; Review of the 1989 European Reliyorosa championships.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:
Screensport 6.30-7.30pm.

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RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 4.45-5pm.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 4.30-5pm.
Wigan v Sheffield Engles.
RUGBY UMIONE Enrosport 2.30-4pm and
11pm-midnight: Free nations' championality: Live coverage of Wales v France
from Carolit, and highlights of England v
tretend from Twickenham. SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.10-1.40pm.

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AMERICAN POOTBALL: Screenspor Barn and 10am-middiny: College ma 1990 Citrus Bowl, and Mational Foot

SPORT ON TV

Languar NFC play-offs: (TV 2-4am: College match.

BASKETBALL: European club circuit.
Screensport 8-9.30pm: College match:
Duke v NC.

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BOXING: Screensport 9.30-11pm: Top
Rank event from the United States.

CYCLING: Eurosport 2-4pm: Highlights of
the 1989 Your de France.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 99.30am.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 4.15-5am, 121.45pm and 4.15-5pm: Spanish League:
Coledo v Real Macirid and Barcalona v
Real Zaragoza: Eurosport 8-10pm: Spanish League:
The Coverage of Norulch v Manchester
United.

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ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12:30-2:10am, 0-8pm and 11pm-midnight: Netlocal Hockey League: Games A and B.

ICE SKATING: Eurosport 11pm-midnight: Figure skating: Highlights of the NPR Trophy from Kobe, Japan: Screensport 1.45-3pm: Figure skating: Highlights of the World Cup.

MOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 8-10am: Ice Speedway: Highlights of the World quarter-finals from law.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5-6pm; Five nations' tournament: Highlights of England v Ireland from Twickenham, and Wales v France from Cardiff. RUGEY UNION: Eurosport 12.30-2pm; Five nations' championship: Highlights of Wates v France from Cardiff.

SKIRING: Screensport 2:30-3am: High-lights of the United States Pro-tees from Waterville Valley. Eurosport 9:30am-12:30pm. 6-7pm and 12-1am (Monday): Live coverage and further highlights of the Men's and Women's station from Kitz-buhel, Austria and Marbor, Yugoslavia. SKI SUNDAY: 88C2 6-6.35pm. Highlights of the Fifth Habmentanium from Kitzbuhel, Austria.

UPDATE: Screensport form.

McAlister injured Charlie McAlister, the New Zealand winger, of Oldham rugby league club, has been kept in hospital after being carried off in the 9-6 win at Hull KR, which has thrown the competition for the second division title wide

YACHTING

Europeans to combine in Cup challenge By Malcolm McKeag

A new group, calling itself the European America's Cup Class Association (EACCA), has been formed with the object of promoting racing within Europe for the 75-footers currently under construction in anticipation of the next America's Cup. The president is Raul Gardini, whose Italian syndicate has taken a lead in attempt to coordinate the efforts of European

Derek Clark, the design coordinator for Peter de Savary's Port Pendennis Challenge, says emphatically that the EACCA will not become involved in the present legal proceeedings in America. The final court decision is expected in February or March, with no further legal processes then left for either Mercury Bay or San Diego.

The EACCA plans a regatta for America's Cup Class yachts in September – the venue to be announced by April – and hopes to create sponsorship and media interest in regattas to support the boats and their

campaigns between America's Cups. ● Just a ½ point separates the two leading boats in the Key West 50-foot World Cup which finishes in Florida with a final race today. If the worst scores are discarded. Udo Schutz's Farr-designed Container has 11.75 points and Masakazu Kobayashi's Tiger, also Farr-designed, has 11.25.

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IN DO NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Bridlington Trinity v Armthorpe Welfare (2.15); Belger v Porte-tract Colleries; Brigg v North Shields; Grimethorpe MW v Harrogate RW (2.15); Sheffield v Denaby (2.15); Thackley v Hallam; Ossett Albion v North Ferriby. A FANT. The is no so

FA CHALLENGE VASIE: Fourth round: Gutseley v Rossendule: Harrogete v Bridlington Town; Emley v Warringon; Farsley v St Helens; Bourne v Specifing; Heanor v Rushiden; Raunds v Hucknelt; Sudbury v Gt Yermouth; Potton v Hashinga: Harefield v Greenwich; Yeading v Molesey; Merstham v Bliencay (2.0); Hytts v Coller Row; Falmouth v Paulion (2.0); Bastiley v Chard; Thatchem v Ablondon Our inc Abhigdon.

BASS (RRSH CUR: First round: (3.0 unless stated): Bellymeins v Dungarinon Swifter, Bengro v RUC; Branswood Benbridge Town; Carrick v Coegh Utd; Chirmley Comer v STC; Coegh Utd; Chirmley Conse v STC; Coegh Utd; Chirmley Cooks Town v Donegal Celtic; Crusaders v Drumaness Milis; Distillery v First Bengor Cid Boye; Glentoran v Calitonwille (2.0): Larre v H and W Welders; Linflield v Glensvon; Loughpati v Barm Utd (2.15); Omegh Town v Ards; Portadown v Dundels; Tobermore Utd v Newy (2.15). SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Rest division: Arsenti v Charlton; Fulliam v Cambridge U; Gillingham v Millwell; Joswich T v Norveich; Portsmouth v Southend: Cueen's Park Rangers v Westfurd; Totterham v Cheston; Respect v Leyton Orient. Second division: Brentford v Aldershot; Brighton v Totterham Eristol C v Oxford; Bristol Fi v Bournemouth; Crystal Pal v Winspledon; Luton v Reading; Northampton v Colchester U; Southampton v Swindon. ŒH. SLINWAY

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Second division

Barnsley v Plymouth..... Bournemouth v Ipswich. Leeds Utd v Stoke Leicester v Watford...... Oldham v Newcastle Oxford v Blackburn. Portsmouth v Bradford.... Port Vale v Brighton.... Sheffield U v Middlesbro. Sunderland v WBA

Fourth division Aldershot v Gillingh Burnley v Rochdale Doncaster v Exeter Hartiepool v Halifax Maldstone v Peterboro

Scunthorpe v Lincoln (11.0). Torquay v Stockport...... Wrexham v Scarborough York v Southend ... **GM Vauxhall Conference**

Barrow v Wycombe W Boston v Altrincham Darlington v Fisher Ath Enfield v Farnbood Kettering v Telford . Macclesfield v Kidd id v Kiddenninster Northwich v Welling Stafford R v Sutton Utd Yeovil v Runcom

BEAZER HONES LEAGUE: Midland division: Burry v Bridgnorth; Blacon v King's Lynn; Granthen v Dudley; Halsowen v Munesion; Racing Club Werwick v Sution Coldiek; Reddich v Sendwel; Stourbridge v Berbury; Stroud v Leicester; Terrworth v Willenhell. Southern division: Beldock v Poole; Bury v Swilsbur; Corinthian v Trowbridge; Dunstable v Andover; Erth and Belvedere v Hounslow; Folkestone v Farahem; Margate v Shepper; Whitely Centerbury; VALDHALL LEAGUE: First division: Chesham v Boreham Wood; Harlow v Whytelsafe; Hitchin v Metropolizar Police; Leatherhead v Wiverhoe; Lewes v Chalfont St Poter; Kingsbury v Dorsing; Purfleet v Hampton; Tooting and Mitchen v Usbridge; Walton and Hersham v Woking. Second division and Hersham v BEAZER HONES LEAGUE Midwed de

reyoridge v Basildon; Letchworth GC v Finchley; Saffron Walden v Hemel Hempsteed; Stevensige v Beston; Tring v Clayton; Withem v Hertford. Second division seattle: Brackmel v Bensteed; Camberley v Malden Valc: Eastbourne United v Hurigel on the Eastbourne United v Hurigel on the Eastbourne United v Hurigel ont; Epeom and Ewell v Peternellett; Faithem v Chertsey; Flackwell Heeth v Newbury.

APTHERIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Cholmelins v Old Etonians; Old Malwerniens v Old Reptonians; Old Malwerniens v Old Reptonians; Pirot division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Wellingburlens; Old Helleyburlens v Old Wilson: Old Ardinians; Old Helleyburlens v Old Wykshemists; Lancing Old Boys v Old Wykshemists; Lancing Old Boys v Old Bradfieldians.

Norwich v Manchester Utd (3.30)...

ALLERIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth

round: Merthyr y Bangor (3.0). HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Presiler division: Buxton y Bishop Aukland (11.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUS MATCHER London Weish v Public School Wanderers (2.15); Newbridge v Coventry (3.0).

Scripol Washells (2.10), Newtongs v
Coventry (3.0).

LONDON AND ROUTH EAST: Ford Essex
Senior Cap Finel: Carvey Island v
Chingford, Buckinghameshive Cap: Geneter-street: Aylesbury v Phoenic, Mariow v
High Wycombe, Mikhon Keyntes v Oliney;
Slough v Beaconsfield. Hertfordshire
County President's Cap: Third round:
Cheshunt v Letchworth; Old Albaniers v
Bacavisras; Old Verulandens v Fulleriens;
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Taird round: Chichester v Bognor; Hestings and Bearlist v Einghton; Haywards
Heath v RMP Chichester, Howe v
Horstarn; Lawes v Easthourne; Seeland v
Worthing: Uctifield v Crawley; WiSHE v
East Grinstead.

East Grinstead.
NORTH: Girohauk Lancaethre Trophy:
Third round: Botton v Kerset; Eagle v
Blackburn: Manchester v Rossendele;
Manchester VHCA v St Edward's Old
Boys; NewYon-le-Willows v Wigen; Old
Aldwinisms v Warrington; Ruston Park v
Crmskrk; Widnes v Netrovick.

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Swansea v Huddersfield (3.0)...

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COCA COLA NATIONAL CUP: Second
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Lalcetier; Derby v Stavenage; Hemsel
Hempstead v Solent; Otdham v Kingston;
Stockport v Concester (8.0). Second
round; Women; Kingston v ipswich (8.0);
Kirkless v Galeshead (8.0); Sheffield v
Wirral (7.0); Stockport v Sunderfand.
NATIONAL TROPITY: First record: (ment);
Calderdale v Manchester; Greenwich v
Watord (7.0); Kirkless v Middleebrough;
Swindon v Cardiff (7.0).

TOMORROW

(3.15); Leeds v Bractland Northern; Leigh v Sheffield (3.30); Selford v St Hotons; Waterfield Trinity v Warrington (3.30). Second direlen; Carligle v Bramley (2.15); Chorley v Oldhem; Dewahury v Heilitax (2.30); Doncaster v Keighley; Fulham v Battey (2.30); Rochdele v Whiteshaven; Runcom v Ryedale Vork; Syerton v Nottingham City; Trafford Borough v Huddersfield (3.30); Workington v Hut ICR (2.30).

HOCKEY HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURMAMENT (Crystal Patace); (men): England
v Weles (10.0); Wales v Austria (1.0);
Scotland v England (4.0), (Women): Wales
v Austria (9.0), Ireland v Scotland (11.0);
Australia v England (12.0); Wales v
Scotland (2.0); Ireland v England (3.0),
ARIDLANDS: County matches Buckinghamahire v Worcestershire; Cambridgeshire v Nortinghamahire; Cambridgeshire v Yorkshire; Oxfordshire v
Laicashire; Staffordshire v Lancashire, Undex-21: Cambridgeshire v
Nottinghamahire; Derbyshire v Yorkshira.
Club matches: Apriby v Old Wultunians;
Bedford Veterang v Kettering; GEC Coventry v Bioasomheid; Leek v Bionwich;
North Stafford v Michelin; Old Silhillians v
Standard; Wolverhempton v Tetford.

BASKETBALL COCA COLA NATIONAL CUP: Second reads (man): Briston v Manchester (4.0); Sunderland v Crystal Palace (6.0). Second round: (women): Crystal Palace v Cambetey (8.0); London Jets v Briston (4.0); Northempton v London YMCA (3.30); Nottingham v Leicester (3.30). VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pirst division: (man): Stationables Moortands v Time Out Spark (2.30): First division: (women): Britannia v Southgate (2.30);

ICE HOCKEY

HANDBALL

BADMINTON COUNTY CHAMPIONISHIP: Division 18: Devon v Essex, Division 2A: Derbyshira v Upper Strathclyde; Lanceshire II v York-nire II. Division 28: Hampshire v Sussex; Middlesex v South Glamorgan.

London)
ICE SKATING: Skale Electric British
Challenge (Solitud).
SCHASH RACKETS: Under-18 Home
Internationale (Cardiff).
TABLE TERRES: Leads County championship: Premier division (Stantonbuty
Lelsure Centra, Milton Keynes).

NORTTH: Club matches: Acidem v York; Advick v Gainsborough; Ashton-underLysse v Old Ristheorehans; Aspuli v
Southport: Barnard Castle v
Kraresborough; Birlennhead Park v
Wilmstow. Boisower v Mostorough;
Bradford and Bingley v Davenport; BridIngion v Keighiey; Burley v Leeds
McKloaks; Calder Vale v Ruskin Park;
Caldy v West Park (St Helens); Carmforth v
Victors XV; Castletord v Rodfliens;
Chester v Winnington Park; Citherce v
Marpie; Crewe and Nantvicto v Rushin;
Denum Phoenix v Haßex Vandels;
Dukinfield v Bowdon; Durham City v
Welsylield; East Retford v Whestley Hills;
Eccles v Old Bedlens; Fleetwood v
Blackpoot; Fytce v Gala: Fytce XV
Rossendels; Gaisborough v Hardepoot;
Haßex v West Hardepoot; Harden
Didebury Too H; Headingley v Herrogele;
Heaton Moor v Manchester University; Hillion Leeds v MGI Wessex (2.0); Sov-erasyn Leesing Sale v GP Scorpions (3.0).

HERREREN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Murrayfield v Fite (8.30); Peterborough v
Durham (8.30); Whittley v Cardiff (6.30).
First division: Lee Valley v Humbersde
(5.30); Streathem v Tetlord (6.15); Trafford
v Cleveland (5.30).
ICY SMITH CUP: First round, first leg:
Solibul v Nottingham (7.0).
ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Romford v Oxford City (5.15); Sheffield v
Chelmstord (5.45).

ERITEM LEAGUE: (Mon): Kirkby Select v Birkerhead (4.0); Waterfield v Tryst 77 (2.0). Middlands League: (men): Olympis Cannock v Asjon University (4.0); Leicester 73 v Hull University (3.0); Team Cator v Warwick Jaguers (7.30). British League: (women): Halewood Town La-dies v Ruislip Eagles (2.0).

OTHER SPORT 90WLS: Under-25 match: England v Wales (Perdiswell, Worcester, 2pm). FENCING: Women's Under-20 Foil Championships (De Beaumont Centre, Leaster).

CRICKET

Much more to

Mervyn than

To go to Australia and not see

Mery Hughes would be like

going to London and not

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haps I mean not seeing the

Oueen: not seeing a person in

whom so great a part of the

national identity is invested. He is a ludicrous figure, an

Australian of popular

imagination, an Australian of

parody. You expect him to

speak solely in the quaint locutions of the Bazza

Mackenzie cartoon strip: "Ab,

fair suck of the pineapple,

Hughes also happens to be a very useful cricketer. Last

summer, he was a central part of the team that destroyed

But his role in the side

clearly goes beyond mere cricket: he combines a silly

haircut with the most absurd

moustache, a caricature of

Australian masculinity, a

moustache of baroque intri-

cacy. The beer adverts that

featured the Australian team

last summer centred on

Hughes: centred, more accurately on Hughes's

He has attracted the kind of

gleeful attention that goes with

such buffoonery. He is invari-

ably portrayed as the wild man

of cricket. Someone described his run-up as being like "a

wardrobe going downhill", which is a delightful phrase

but a little inaccurate. He rather minces to the wicket, as

He is not really a wild man,

not an out-and-out speed mer-

chant. He tends to come on as

first change and is quiet and

modest about bis abilities,

keen to tell you bow marvel-

lous the opening bowlers are.

Peter Roebuck, one of the

smarter observers of the game,

believes that Hughes is the

man who is, more than any

lia's change of fortune: from

Lawson had his jaw broken by

Ambrose, leaving Hughes with

the responsibility for carrying

the attack. Australia lost, but

Hughes took 13 wickets in the

game, bowling over after over of unreduced effortfulness.

time. You can balance these

aspects according to your tem-

perament: Boycott understood

the individual side of the game

can still be heard to say that he

should have been a golfer. But

Hughes thrives on team spirit:

it is a drug to him, it is his

greatest inspiration. One of

the great disincentives for

catching a ball is, if you are an

better than anyone; Edm

"You do that to me ma"

other, responsible for Austra-

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England with such relish.

Huber another Graf in the making

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

view on the fifth day of the Australian Open: the real one cookie" already. But, though

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of the morning beating Leila it was all very one-paced. Meskhi, of the Soviet Union, a player who gives the No. 1 seed more trouble than she for that matter, of Jennifer should, to reach the last 16. The next Steffi, otherwise known as Anke Huber, aged 15, a blonde schoolgirl from Bruchsal in West Germany, was losing a lengthy baseline exchange with the irrepressible Raffaella Reggi, of Italy.

In the men's singles, John McEnroe continued his Impressive form with another Goldie, and Ivan Lendl, the rivals this year. defending champion, won a dogged and generally un-distinguished battle with Karel Novacek, his countryman. Novacek, having taken the second set, broke Lendl's serve three times in the third, only to lose his own serve

immediately each time. Graf did not need to be at her peak to beat Meskhi, But after the Soviet had fought hard for the first set (she lost 6-4), her resistance crumbled. headache, but at least it men's.
knocked some sense into me," Shriver was beaten by

headaches trying to cope with the fourth round of the the hard-hitting Huber, who is Australian Open since 1975. playing in her first grand slam. She won the first set, lost the ankle at 4-4 in the final set and needed treatment that the

Then came the inevitable comparisons, with Graf and Monica Seles. "I played Steffi when she was the same age. Physically she was stronger than this girl," Reggi said.

more mature at the moment. fault. Though she claimed that

the young German. She is in the last.

There were two Steffi Grafs on hard on either side, and, in the match lurched gaily from The real Steffi spent a little one break of serve to the next,

Huber has neither the presence nor the power of Seles or, Capriati, the young American. "She is a prospect and I am very happy that she is coming through. It might take three or

four years yet," Graf said. Graf's sore head would have been eased considerably by the news that Jana Novotna, the fifth seed, had been beaten by Patty Fendick, of the United States. Graf considers straight-sets win over Dan Novotna one of her main

The Czech looked to be getting safe passage at one set and 4-0 up. At that point, Fendick, the Wightman Cup player, decided she had to play or go home". She chose the former, broke back with the help of one stinging backhand pass, and did not look behind her until she had secured a fourth-round match with Barbara Paulus.

Novotna was one of three seeds to fall in the women's The main worry for Graf draw, Pam Shriver and Helen was that she hit herself on the Kelesi being the others. head with her racket after Thomas Muster, the No. 15 playing one particularly vig- seed, was beaten by Simon orous forchand. "It gave me a Youl, of Australia, in the

Graf said. She now plays Kimiko Date, who won three Reggi for a place in the quarter-finals.

Sinive was beauted by Kimiko Date, who won three British satellite singles tournaments last year. Date is the Reggi was having plenty of first Japanese woman to reach Unfortunately for the large

number of British supporters, second, and it was not until Helena Sukova was not one of the young German twisted her the fallen seeds. Sukova beat Sarah Loosemore, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, but exerted control over the flamboyant Italian gained the Welsh girl only in the last three games. Until then, Loosemore had more than held her own against the player ranked more than 250 places above her.

On the same court on which an this girl," Reggi said.

a year ago she had gone to the brink of victory against Shrieven then. Monica is a little ver, she showed the same more consistent and she is suicidal tendency to double But who can tell how good did not affect the result, Huber will be in two or three statistics suggest otherwise, years? She certainly has a lot One of 10 doubles gave of potential."

Sukova the first set and There is much to admire in another gave her a vital break



The next Steffi Graf? Anke Huber, aged 15, strikes a backhand against Raffaella Reggi at the Australian Open

detract from Loosemore's overall performance here. She has played with aggression and great spirit, and if she could force herself into the net more often there is no reason why she should not be ranked at least in the top 50 before her studies at Oxford call in 18

She needs to add a little variety to her game because she can bet her life that somewhere in Germany the next-but-one Steffi Graf is already polishing her forehand and preparing for the

MEN'S SINGLES: Third reand: 3 Youl (Aus) bit Thurster (Austra), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; I Lend (Cz) bit K Novacek (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Y Noah (Fr) bit G Bloom (Isr), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; A Cherkasov (USSR) bit J Flaurian (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; J McEnroe bit D Goldie, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, E-2 M Permors (Swe) bit H Leconte (Fr), 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, WOMEEN'S SINCLES: Third round: 5 Graf (WG) bit L Mesich (USSR), 6-4, 6-1; Reggi (It) bit A Huber (WG), 7-5, 4-6, 8-4; R McCoullain (Aus) bit H Kelsei (Czn), 6-2, 7-6; Fandick bit J Novotna (Cz), 1-6, 7-6, 6-4; B Paulus (Austra) bit E Smylle (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; K Malserva (Sul) bit N Jagarman (Neth), 6-0, 6-4; H Soktova (Cz) bit S Loosemore (GB), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. MEN'S DOUBLES: Second round: D Cahal and M Kratzmann (Aus) bit L Jessen and D Wheaton, 6-3, 6-3, F Leach and J Pugh bit N Brown (GB) and H Gunthardt (Switz), 6-4, 6-2; P Annacone and J

Fizzgeraid (Aus) bt P Kuhnen (WG) and L Lavalle (Mex), 6-3, 7-8; P Cramberin and T Wildson bt G Ivanisevic and S Zhojinovic (Yug), 7-5, 3-8, 6-4; G Layendecker and R Reneberg bt K Jones and J Rive. 5-7, 6-4, 10-8; B Drewetl and W Masur (Aus) bt J Lozzano (Mex) and T Witsken, 6-3, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) and S Edberg (Swe) bt P Kords and C Suk (C2), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; N Broad (SA) and G Muller bt C van Reneburg (SA) and M Woodforde (Aus), 6-4, 7-8; P Aldrich and D Visser (SA) bt O Delaitre (Fr) and M Laurendeau (Can), 7-5, 5-3; D Cassidy and G Pozz (If) bt D Adams (Aus) and J F Altur (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; P Harnesson and N Urgen (Swe) bt P Haarhuis and M Koevermans (Neth), 7-6, 7-6; S Davis and R Van't Hof bt S Barr and N Borwick (Aus), 8-1, 8-4.

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Second round: M Lindstrom (Swe) and H Ludioff bt K McDonaid and K Radford (Aus), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; E Burgin and R Fairbank bt M Pawlick (WG) and H Sprung (Austria), 6-2, 6-3; I

Demongeot and C Tanver (Fr) bt L Allen and M Jaggard (Aus.), 6-4, 6-3, P Fendols and M J Fennander bt E Pfaff (WG) and R Stabbe (Aus.), 6-3, 8-3, J Thompson and W Turnbull (Aus.) bt A Grousbeck and N Myse, (Japan), 6-2, 8-3, N Medvedews and L Mesichi (USSR) bt J Haland (Fr) and A Leand, 6-1, 8-2 G Fernandez and R White bt H Cloffi and A Frazier, 6-0, 8-2 White bt H Cloffi and A Frazier, 6-0, 8-2.

MINICED DOUBLES: First round: J Fitzgerald and E Smylie (Just) bt S Zivojinovic.

(Yug) and A Tamesevari (Hurt), 7-8, 7-6; M:

Stich and C Porvvik (WG) bt T Previsat and
L McNell, 6-1, 5-2; T Woodbridge and J-A

Fadii (Aus) bt N Odizor (Nigera) and M
Lindstrom (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; T Wisken and
C Benjamin bt S Warner and R Rets, 6-2,
7-8: A Antonitisch and B Paulius (Austria) bt
G Layendecker and E Burgin, 6-3, 6-4. J

Bates (GB) and N Provis (Aus) bt T Neison
and L Allen, 8-3, 6-7, 6-2; R Leach and Z

Garrison bt C Becimen and H Ludloft, 6-7,
6-1, 6-2, A Castle (GS) and R Regg (It) bt L

Jensen and T Phelps, 6-2, 6-4.

Graf's dominance stifles any challenge International Tennis Federation or by the Grand Slams of the major events. Sanchez Vicario won the herself on the head with her own racket, as she accidentally did yesterday while defeating the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry of halting the stateful and to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold, her results are likely to the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold and the top to the subject of the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold and the subject of the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold and the subject of the sultry-looking Leila Meskhi, from Thilisi, sufficiently hard to lay herself cold and the subject of

cold, her results are likely to athletic, all-powerful Graf. become boring. It must therefore follow, for the immediately forseeable future, that there is the same risk for the whole There is the danger that for

the next two or three years the women's game - which is trying to make up its mind whether it wants its image to be identified as Virginia Slims or the new Tour sponsor within the Philip Morris Group, Kraft General Foods may go into a stall. Chris Evert has gone, Martina Navratilova is going: and who is there to challenge Graf?

The question is on everyone's lins all the time, and it cannot be good for the game or for the job facing Gerard Smith, the new executive director of the Women's Inter-Even Gabriela Sabatini, one of beaten Graf last year, is so year, the women were not even obsessed with the seeming advised of it beforehand by the

stagnant.
"The Women's Association has lost its clout," Smith said.
"When the Grand Slam Cup the only two players to have was launched at the end of last beaten Graf last year, is so year, the women were not even

Both Castleford and Wigan provide four players for the Great Britain under-21 side that

playsg France under-21s at Villeneuve today, yet both clubs

are prepared to play outstanding league fixtures. Castleford meet

the ailing champions. Widnes,

this afternoon in a match in which victory is crucial for two

sides slipping out of contention.

Wigan travel to Hull tomorrow

in search of two points to stretch the already considerable gap

between them and second place

The match at Wheldon Road

today could provide Widnes

with their second successive

Keith Atkinson, the Oldham

forward, who claimed he was bitten twice in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Huddersfield, has escaped

suspension by the Rugby League disciplinary committee. He was

sent off for punching, but ap-

peared at the meeting in Leeds

last night to press his case that

He had the support of a video

recording and the evidence of

his coach, Tony Barrow. Atkin-

son claimed he was bitten on the

wrist and finger by the same

Huddersfield player, in separate

incidents, and the committee ruled that a sending off was

he acted in retaliation.

defeat On Wednesday, they lost that makes it impossible to Bradford Northern in a visualize anyone beating them.

Atkinson escapes a ban

women's tour."

Philippe Chatrier, the president of the ITF, paid lip

coming all the way to Australia to be rolled over once again

> It may be another two years ida, in March, and whatever ber talent, we cannot look to

ing that it takes four or five aggressive enough, some

Fortunately, there is a lot of sponsorship money available out there in the market place. The present tour of 60 events has prize-money of \$23 million; and there is even the problem that the WIPTC has "capped" some tournaments. such as Rome and the Canadian Open, restraining the

Smith, who has had a lifetime affiliation to tennis, hopes to raise the voice of the Women's Association and to increase its trading levels and etworked television coverage. To do so he must ensure that all of the best players constantly challenge each other. And hope that Graf's dominance does not remain as impenetrable as it looks at the

When Sozanne Lenglen was nbeaten for years back in the Twenties, the public remained fascinated, because she was the first worldwide sports star among women. But by the time Novretileve achieved the same eminence over 50 years later she went unbeaten for 74 consecutive matches - the public soon began to yawn. Nowadays, they like change and challenge. It is ironic that, barely more than a child, Graf's brilliance could be too

MOTOR SPORT

Fit Herbert signs as Lotus reserve driver

Johnny Herbert was signed up 12sec, using control race tyres yesterday as test and reserve rather than qualifiers.
driver for Camel Team Lotus "I was able to brake the 1990 season. Rupert for the first time in a year after Mainwaring, the team manager, the hard work I have put in on confirmed his offer to the driver my calf muscle, so I was very after he had successfully completed a 40-lap test session at Silverstone on Thursday in one of last year's Lotus-Judd 101s. Herbert was dropped by the Benetton team because his recuperation from leg injuries was being impeded by his busy race schedule. He has since made great progress and fin-ished fourth for Benetton in his

March.
"He scems very fit," Mainwaring said after the test. speed and by just how relaxed he seemed to be." Herbert lapped

pleased." Herbert said. He is expected to join Derek Warwick, the team leader, and Martin Donnelly when the all-British team's first Lotus-

"I was able to brake properly

Lamborghini 102 is ready for testing in February. For Herbert, aged 25, who may also drive in Japan this year in Group C and Formula 3000 racing, the top priority is to secure a competitive full time Formula One drive in 1991.

He could have driven for "We were all impressed with his either Coloni or EuroBrun this season, but decided that a reserve drive with a team like quite easily in just over 1min Lotus would be preferable.

SKIING

Races are postponed

Internationale de Ski (FIS) said yesterday that the men's World Cup cross-country races scheduled to be held in Nove Mesto. Czechoslovakia, this weekend have been postponed because of

FIS had considered moving the races to Ramsau, Austria, relay.

but, as these dates clash with national championships in Austria, they have been deferred till later in the year in Scandinavia.

The races were the men's 15kilometre classic-style cross-country and a 4 x 10-kilometre

meets the eye Simon Barnes

possibility that Hughes will kiss you. If you win, he is likely to want to pour beer over you for at least an hour and a

He has not the arrogance of the great strike bowlers like Lillee or Hadlee, bowlers who win matches on their own. He speaks quietly, modestly, happy to go through the motions without really wanting to talk about himself at all. "Oh no, I don't think I'm an established player in the side yet. I'm working towards it. I work hard. I train pretty hard. And you need a pretty good

cricket brain to get this far." His batting began as another Australian joke, but it has become a very useful little bonus. To score 72 against the West Indies is something many batsmen would envy. It came as support for a Dean Jones double-hundred while Australian made 515. Richie Benaud has even suggested that he should now be considered an all-rounder. "When I make runs, it's a combination of two things: luck, and even more luck." But of course, he also nets with great serious-

ness and concentration. Looking back, it seems that the Ashes win was forged in that series against the West Indies, with Hughes at the very heart of it. He is unlikely to become a cricketer of the first rank, but he has had the incalculable effect of raising morale and changing the nature of his side. He simply gives everything: because everything is what you give for

your mates: right? He is not the spearhead of the side, but is, perhaps, the heart and soul of the team. He is a totem of mateship: be in which they have just beaten Pakistan, the best side in the his all for his mates once again. "I spose I love a standard offer the West Indies. challenge. The last 12 months have been great — everyone likes to see everyone succeed. Yeah, it's nice to know they're all behind you when you're out

> It must be. But now it was time for Hughes to get back to the team room. Thanks, Merv.

there."



Pakistan punished by secure Healy

From John Woodcock, Adelaide

Against an Australian side without Terry Alderman, and despite a flying start, they were bowled out for 251 By close of play. Australia had replied with 10 for no wicket.

In Alderman's absence, Campbell and Rackemann stepped into the breach for Australia, Campbell after being tracked down in Tasmania when Alderman had declared himself doubtful. Healy held five catches, not all of them easy and mostly off batsmen trying to whack short balls through the

li was a puch with more bone in it than most of Adelaide's. But there was a time when Pakistan were going so well that they would have been reluctant to settle for anything less than

For a cricket lover there could have been no more desirable place to be. The new Bradman Stand, to be opened in the legend's presence this morning, is an undoubted success, anyway from the outside. The weather was perfect (mid-70s), a dry heat and a friendly breeze, the pitch rewarded positive cricket, there was a fair-sized crowd (11,818) and certainly no lack of incident.

With 20 minutes to go to lunch, Pakistan were 90 for one. scored from 22 overs. Hughes had gone for 39 runs in his first five overs. Taylor for 17 in his first four, and Yousuf, the wicketkeeper, was taking speciacular advantage of his promotion to No. 3. Only when Shoarb was hit a mouth-opening blow in the box by Rackemann were Australia provided with the respite they needed. Until then, Shoaib had batted with a freedom which his father, the great Hanif, would have wondered about rather than mar-velled at, flicking the ball off his legs like someone whose day it

was. But by lunch Yousuf and Shoaib had both been leg before, Yousuf playing a little too confidently, and Pakistan's next three batsmen all got themselves

Pakistan made a nonsense of out, having done most of the things when the second Test hard work. Ijaz and Miandad match began here yesterday. had added 71 for the fourth wicket, soberly but agreeably, when Border, giving himself a rare bowl, tempted liaz into indiscretion. Soon after tea Miandad and Salim were both caught at the wicket, slashing at short balls without looking at them. For 75 minutes lurran batted with the care the situation demanded. Then he, too.

mirable Akram saw it through.
This time last year, when officiating against West Indies, umpire Crafter, who is standing in this match, went on record as saying: "It has been bloody unpleasant out there all summer. Quite honestly, if it goes on like this much longer it can do

Yesterday, he found himself playing the role of boxing referee as Akram and Hughes shaped up to each other. Hughes, who likes to look for a return from bullying tactics, got in the way of Akram as he was completing a run. For a moment, until things cooled, the ring, as it were. seemed to be full of seconds and advisers and rabble-rousers. It was, nonetheless, a glorious day at the cricket - and I only hope that Pakistan, by their indiscretions, have not put themselves out of the match.

PAKISTAN: First Innegs

AUSTRALIA: First Innviigs

Total (no witt) ______ 10
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BOWLING: Akram 2-1-10-0; Younus 1-1-

BASKETBALL

Easy task for the top clubs

By Julian Desborough By a curious quirk of fate, Carlsberg League teams have avoided each other in the sec-National Cup, which takes place this weekend.

All seven surviving clubs are pitted against National League first division opposition, with three of the leading four Carlsberg sides facing their National League counterparts. Worthing, Brixton and Oldham are kėly to overcome Bracknell. Manchester and Kingston

respectively. In fact, it is difficult to see any first division participant emerging victorious to the quarter-finals. Ironically, the only National League representative guaranteed a place in the next stage is the winner of the second division clash between Stock-port and Doncaster.

Mark Hannen, a spokesman for the English Basket Ball Association, which held the draw for the first and second rounds at their annual meeting in September, said: "We had a totally open draw, with all the teams coming out of a hat. It was quite by chance the way it worked out.

Three Carlsberg teams -Bracknell, the cup holders Manchester and Leicester were given byes to the accond id, based on their displays in



that she talks about it in the middle of a tournament.

On Thursday, having just overrun Manon Bollegraf, of The Netherlands, Sabatini said that players were scared of playing Graf. "She has so much confidence, they're lost before they start the match,"

Well, that is hardly the platform on which Smith, the former business manager of Newsweek, can start trying to raise the profile of the women's game. Smith admits that the advance, so dramatic in the Seventies under the early leadership of Billie Jean King and onwards into the Eighties with the rivalry of Evert and Navratilova, has become

Slams are still part of the

service to the women's game in December's ITF News, referring to the substantial success of the Virginia Slims Finals. which drew 95,000 spectators to Madison Square Garden, with sell-out semi-finals. Yet Chatrier and his Grand Slam colleagues could never have considered the women's game for inclusion in a Grand Slam Cup when there would at present be only one possible winner: which is part of the reason why the Slims Finals were watched in America by only three million on cable television. What television

network is going to buy a one-

horse race? There is no platform for women in sport as great as tennis," Smith said. Yet the truth of this will be difficult to her mind wandering during sell while Graf remains un- practice, but that when it

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan shrug off absentees

forwards were beaten by the powerful Northern pack. With

Castleford smarting from a se-ries of defeats which have seen

them plunge down the table, Widnes will again be put under

severe pressure, and another

defeat could end their hopes of

winning a third consecutive

Wigan have such strength in

depth that they should beat a Hull team which has failed to

live up to the expectations

aroused by last season's run to the premiership final. Wigan are

playing with an awe-inspiring

power and consistency, with Hanley back to his best form,

St John Ellis, the Castleford winger, and Paul Groves, the St Helens hooker, who were sent

off in a Silk Cup Challenge Cup

pended for three matches by the

Rugby League disciplinary com-

mittee. The committee also sus-

pended Neil Hemmingway, of Bramley, for two matches, Terry

Hermanson, of Doncaster, and

Eric Kennedy, of Fulham, for one match each.

@ Salford, who made a loss of

£17,000 last season and have liabilities of £216,000, aim to

raise £100,000 from the launch

of a new share issue.

game, have each been sus-

sufficient punishment.

at least before Sánchez Vicario, aged 17, the surprise French champion, and the exciting Seles, 15, are in a position to do more than take the occasional set off Graf, who is still only 20. The newest protégé, Jennifer Capriati, 14, makes ber professional debut at Boca, Flor-

her for great deeds for a while. Graf has been both a curse and a blessing to the 33-year-

old Navratilova, serving to keep her in the game on the one hand, as a fresh challenge, and preventing her on the other from retiring as undisputed queen. Graf admitted after the match yesterday that she nowadays sometimes finds

years fully to emerge in the professional game which has become so aggressive. Not

night say. Smith does not have four or five years to play with. "We have to deliver - the players and the value," he said. "If promoters are not prepared to take the risk, there's no

prize-money.

The priority for Smith must be to introduce systems of financial guarantee for the leading women that will oblige them not to be dodging Graf at good for the game.

By John Blunsden

travel to Leigh. Eagles have slipped down the table since showing early promise, almost solely because they no longer have a settled home ground. Leeds and Bradford Northern meet yet again at Headingley, with Leeds anxious to consolidate second place and avenge their Challenge Cup defeat of last week. The improved Wakefield Trinity should continue an impressive sequence of results with victory at home to first Formula One race, last

The brave and homeless. Sheffield Eagles, also provide

three under-21 internationals at

Villeneuve, and they will miss

their representatives as they

Warrington, and a revived St Helens are likely to deepen the relegation gloom at Salford. In the under-21 international Great Britain seek to put an end to a losing sequence against France which has seen the French win three out of the last

Shelford battling

Adrian Shelford, the Wigan prop, is battling to beat a Challenge Cup deadline and salvage a season disrupted by injury. The New Zealand test player missed most of his coun-France because of a groin strain, and he was forced to sit out Wigan's Regal Trophy final victory after damaging ligaments in his hand in the earlier rounds of the cup competition.

Vienna (AP) - The Fédération next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chief of a high-powered tribe

here is no keeping Toby Balding out of the news. His powerful string, led by the champion hurdler Beech Road, is the envy of many of his colleagues; he is joint managing director of British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding plc (BTRB), the first company formed in Britain to raise public money for ownership; and this week he has been linked with a move from Fyfield in Hampshire to Peter Bolton's multimillion pound complex in

Both parties are at present non-commital, but there is no doubt that negotiations are underway. On a recent visit to Fyfield, Balding discussed the matter. "I am the servant of a public company," he said, "so there would be a lot to be sorted out.

"However, the benefits of a move would be twofold. We're a bit strapped for facilities here since the new A303 virtually cut off the old Weyhill gallops. We're virtually confined to an all-weather strip on 40 acres, and although there would be a lot to be done at Whitcombe there's 1,000 acres to play with."

Two years ago BTRB bought Fyfield from Balding. and the trainer is now a salaried employee of the company. "If we moved BTRB would be able to sell Fyfield, freeing cash for our main business, which is racing thoroughbreds." Top-class horses are the

breath of life to any leading stable and this season Fyfield is particularly rich in the hurdling department. Beech Road is 5-2 favourite to retain his crown at Cheltenham in March; a convincing win by Morley Street in the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown on February 3 would see one of last season's top novices join his stable companion in the championship line up; and were the National Hunt Festival were to take place today Forest Sun would start a short price favourite for the Sun

The 50-1 victory of Beech Road at Cheltenham last March was one of the shock results of the season. But the then seven-year-old's emphatic confirmation of that form at Aintree, not only proved the earlier result to be no fluke, it also triggered an amazing treble for Fyfield, the Grand National and con-cluded by Morley Street in the Mumm Prize Novices Hurdle. Returning to Cheltenham at the turn of the year, Beech Road was once again as hungry as a tiger for his

hurdles, and sped away from them like lightning as he beat his solitary opponent, Chatam. "He used to be a lunatic. He was wild. As soon as he saw an obstacle, he'd take off no matter where from. But now he's much more relaxed. We're keeping him for Cheltenham next Saturday, taking him back to his favourite track where he's already won four times."

If the Baldings decide to leave Fyfield, it will be quite an uprooting. Gerald, the father not only of Toby, but also of his younger brother, lan, the celebrated Kingsclere trainer, was an international polo player. Although the hunting fields of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire form the family's earlier background, Balding senior started training for his patron, the American, Jock Whitney, at Weyhill after the war.

alding, an extrovert

six foot two inches in height and weighing around 15 stone, is a mass of physical and nervous energy and shares the family's love of sport. "I'm a bad but cunning tennis player. I did quite well at rugger, but didn't have the same chances as Ian. I was working for my father when he was sent to Millfield to be crammed for university. The headmaster, Jack Myers, was a brilliant educationalist but something of an opportunist. He made Ian head boy on the day he arrived and sent him racing four days later, just to make sure he didn't miss out on any tips."

The 28 years that Balding has been at Fyfield have seen some famous triumphs including that of Highland Wedding, who gave the trainer his first National win in 1969. Green Ruby, in the Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup has possibly given the stable its most noteworthy wins on the

But sport on the level has always proved a fruitful source of winners for the versatile Balding. Despite the concentration of heavy spending power in Arab hands making buying horses for the Flat more difficult, he dislikes



Paws for thought: Toby Balding enlists the help of border terrier Mrs McTavish as he studies entries for forthcoming races

us the tools, we can do the

Fyfield has never been short of talented jockeys. Currently Jimmy Frost is No l, with Richard Guest as back up. We brought Jimmy in initially as cover for Richard. Jimmy's a horseman through and through from a Wesi Country hunting and point-topoint background, whereas Richard, who began life riding for Michael Stoute, is a jockey above everything.

"He comes from the famous family of Charlie, Joe and Nelson Guest, and all he needs is some mileage on the clock for when Jimmy decides to go training, as I think he will."

The stable tour completed, Balding dashed off to London to have dinner with some owners. He was to spend the night, look at some horses in Kent and not return until the

hunt specialist. "I think we've leaving my indians to look already proved that if you give after you."

Serena, his eldest daughter, is some indian by any stan-dards. Having finished her London business career by headhunting candidates for jobs worth £45,000 a year or upwards, she must find the secretarial work and the 100 other jobs child's play.

Jonathan Geake, the new assistant trainer, is the son of Beech Road's owner and that morning rode the champion in his work on the all-weather gallop. "He's got so much stronger and relaxed. He's got a definite mind of his own. But I suppose that's what makes him a champion."

The Land Rover party to the work grounds included Bud Sayers, the head lad with 35 years' service with Balding, and five very assorted dogs. Weenie, a 12-year-old cross between a cairn and a fox following afternoon. "The surveys. "He even likes going being labelled as a national chief is going away so I'm to the start of the gallops to

make sure they all jump off," Miss Balding said.

Two years ago the rambling house, together with the rest of the property, was sold to BTRB and the family moved elsewhere in the village. Now it doubles as both company and training headquarters.

Trevor Bishop, joint managing director, explained the set up. "We took Toby over lock, stock and barrel. We pay him a salary and the whole business is run by the company. When we bought Fyfield, we borrowed the money at low interest rates but it's become much more expensive. That's one of the reasons why it would help to sell Fyfield."

BTRB was the first to cash in on the 0898 telephone numbers and hotlines. "It just about keeps us afloat," said Bishop. "Together with the Richard Pitman form guide and the club line, we offer 39

the hotlines contributing a getting team.

profit of some £75,000 to BTRR

Being one of the first into its field, BTRB is still in a strong position. And unlike some of its competitors, it makes no pretense of guaranteeing a profit. "As far as we are concerned it's about making it possible to own racehorses comparatively cheaply.

"It's all about involvement. They all get a lot of pleasure and excitement out of coming here for stable visits and to watch work. When Bishop's Yarn won the Glen International Gold Cup a couple of years ago, there were 150 owners in the unsaddling enclosure at Cheltenham. He won the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock last season, and if the going is soft on Saturday,

he will go close again." Such enthusiasm is infectious. Whatever the eventual bottom line in a difficult business, life will always be fun around Toby Balding, the The accounts for 1988 show exuberant captain of a go-

New maintenance regulations in wake of Doncaster

By George Rae

The Jockey Club is to introduce new regulations governing race-course maintenance in the wake of the loss of the Doncaster St Leger meeting last year. The three-man committee ap-

pointed to investigate the abandonment, Lord Chelsen, Miles Gosling and Sandy Struthers, recommends a framework within which racecourse officials must maintain closer contact with the Jockey Club.

The problems encountered at Doncaster are blamed primarily on drainage work carried out during July and August, which lest underground cavities. Stones around the drains settled, while the clay soil hardened and shrank in the exceptionally dry summer, creating a space. The top surface could then be punched through.

The report concludes: "On September 13, 14 and 15, 1989, for racing. That was not, however, apparent from any visual inspection... nor was it known before September 15 by any executive of the racecourse, official or steward."

The fall of Madraco in the

Portland Handicap on the open-Portland Handicap on the opening day, Wednesday 13, bringing down Pendor Dancer and Tolo, was the first dramatic indication that something was amiss. Although racing continued that day, as it did the following day, the fall of Able Player in the continue event on the Friday opening event on the Friday compelled the stewards to aban-

don the meeting. Neither Paul Cook or Ian Johnson, the jockeys of Mad-raco and Pendor Dancer respec-tively, have ridden since. Ray Cochrane, on Tolo, broke a collar-bone but has since returned to action. Billy Newnes, on Able Player, was unhurt.

In charting the events of the meeting, and describing the events which preceded it, the 20page report catalogues a near-total lack of communication between parties interested in the drainage work, compounded by the absence of a defined code for track maintenance.

The work, part of a longrunning programme to redress the effect of the draw in the straight, was undertaken by Pat Firth, the clerk of the course, with the permission of Don-caster Borough Council, which owns and runs the racecourse. However, Firth, in his evited the specifications were his own, which had been used previously at Doncaster and other courses. No professional advice was taken, nor was the Jockey Club inspectorate of courses consulted. Even the council, despite authorizing payment for the work, did not know exactly when it would begin.

Here is a critical weakness in the existing system. Firth was, under no obligation to report his work to the Jockey Club, nor to submit notice that the work would commence and by whom

it would be done. There was no breach of the Rules of Racing because instruc-tions relating to track work did not exist a ne actions of it uals in what drew perilously close to a tragedy of errors can be viewed only in the perspec-tive of a thoroughly imperfect

Even so, elements of the report suggest an at times alarmingly amateur approach. According to the report, Firth's rentrenched scepticism of experts" led to him preferring his own tried and trusted methods, despite one consultant considering them 20 years out of date. and the efficacy of the improvements were determined by "prodding or poking about" with a walking stick.

However, the council, in its

reply, is happy that Firth's remarks were simply colloquialisms, and that a thorough inspection had taken place. But the lack of plans of the drainage system is beyond dispute. The

The principal proposals

Responsibility for the condition of the racetrack should rest primarily with the race-

The Jockey Club inspector of courses must be informed by the cierk of the course at least six weeks before work commences, except in emergency.

The inspector can probibi such works unless a clerk takes advice from a Jockey Club approved contractor.

• The clerk must inform the stewards of works having taken place since the last meeting. • Inspectors should be instructed in turf husbandry and

• Plans of drainage must be kept at the racecourse.

drains were signified only by a mark on "permanent" running rails, which had since been replaced. To have located the drains precisely would have required excavations of treasure

hunt proportions.

Perhaps more serious is the lack of linison which dogged decision-making during the meeting. The stewards were hampered, when making important decisions, by being de-nied information that should have been made available to them." the report says.
It adds: "Mr Firth told us it

never entered his head to inform the Doncaster stewards before racing about the work which had been done on the course in July and August because he did not see any problems arising."

Throughout—the first dag, even after the Portland Handi-

cap pile-up, the stewards were unaware of the drainage work carried out just weeks pre-"On information that was

made available to them the stewards had no reason to abandon racing after the fall of Madraco," the report says. They cannot be faulted in their decision to continue." Only a conversation the following morning between Patrick Hibbert-Foy, a stewards

secretary, and a groundsman, who recalled some drainage work done early in August brought to light the possible extent of the problem. Concern grew as the facts

became apparent, until the fall of Able Player brought the crisis to a head. The St Leger was postponed and run the following Saturday at Ayr. The report is also particularly.

critical of the management structure at Doncaster. The council, having authorized the work took little further interest, although in its reply the council claims that constant reference back and forth could only slow implementation. "The race-course executive should take a more direct and positive interest in this aspect of a racecourse's affairs," the report says.

general manager, Don Cox, and Firth. "The sharing of control between a full-time general manager and retained clerk of the course who lives some distance away is liable to lead to some confusion over their respective functions and duties, and lack of proper supervision of work on the racetrack."

However, on the cause of Madraco's injury, a fractured off-hind fetlock, the report-states: "It has been impossible" for us to reach any firm conclusion as to the cause of this fracture. We are not convinced that the horse's rear leg penetrated a drain." Legal action is still threatened

by the connections of Madraco. The Racecourse Association has not yet studied the report but is likely to make a statement

Flat trainers to fore as smart novices underline potential longer distance and he's done it handicap developed in a duel

By Michael Seely Racing Correspondent

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Two our our top Flat racing trainers were the men in the news at a rainy Kempton Park yesterday. Both Barry Hills and Guy Harwood showed us pos-sible future big-race winners when Sudden Victory and Royal Square captured their respective

Sudden Victory's price for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury remained unchanged at 16-1 after Robert Sangster's six-yearold had beaten Riverhead by two lengths in the Ashford Novices Hurdle, But Royal Express Triumph Hurdle were halved from 33-1 to 16-1 after a convincing seven-length defeat on the far more experienced Regal Lake in the Walton Novices Hurdle.

Hills was not at Kempton but Kevin Mooney was impressed by the authority of Sudden by the authority of Victory's success in a slowly-run fastish going were against a horse, who was only beaten a neck by Sesame in the 11/2-mile St Simon Stakes at Newbury on the Flat. Sudden Victory will be suited by a return to the Berkshire track and the exacting demands of a fast-run and competitive

"He quickened twice," said the jockey. "He settled well this time and won't run again before

Newbury."
Royal Square, four lengths inferior to Sudden Victory on the Flat, judged on their running together at Redcar in the au-

to his credit at Beverley and Redcar. And judged by the way the four-year-old was finishing yesterday, he will be suited by the flat-out gallop of the fouryear-old championship.

Mark Perrett, already with a victory to his credit in the Triumph on Saxon Farm, was impressed, "I should think he's a pretty good horse," said the stylish stable jockey. Amanda Harwood, however,

was more conservative. "He did it well, but was getting weight from the runner-up. He started to get outpaced between the last two flights and won it through stamina. I should think he'll have one more race before After this race encouragement

came from David Stait, Jenny Pitman's assistant, for Wonder Man's chance against Kadan and Osric in this afternoon's Bic Razor Lanzarote Hurdle. "He's been working very well. It's a tough handicap, but I think that what beats him will win." Mrs Pitman had earlier won the Easter Hero Handicap Chase

between Mark Pitman on the eventual winner and Brendan Powell, on the quick-jumping Mzima Spring. The A Train, the 2-1 favour-

ite, went clear on the flat to win by two lengths. "It's taken us four years to get him to settle." said Stait, "he's very head-strong, but at last we managed to vin with him on a park course." No sooner had Oliver Sherwood announced that he was

virtually shutting up shop for a week, than the Lambourn trainer landed a double, the victory of Knight Oil at Towester following hard on the heels of the win of Certain Style in the Suphyaya Novices Character. in the Sunbury Novices Chase at Kempton. Richard Dunwoody looked to

have snatched a lost cause from the mire when driving For The Grain into a narrow lead after the final jump, but Jamie Os-borne rallied Certain Style to win an exciting affair by half a length. "At one time we thought he wasn't genuine," said Sherwith The A Train. The two-mile wood, "but all he wanted was a

Catterick delay for SIS

Racing was delayed at Catterick

Bridge yesterday when for the
first time a request for a late
start at the course by Satellite
Information Services received
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Information Services received the all-clear from Weatherbys, the Jockey Club secretariat.

Charles Enderby, the clerk of the course, explained: "SIS informed me just three-querters of a hour before racing that they had realised that Kempton's "I phoned Weatherbys and they gave the all-clear." We don't want this to become a regular thing once the programme has been arranged, but it was thought that it would at least give racegoers a chance to see Kempton without a clash here."

Michael Robinson, the win-

well today."

Discussing the health of his stable, the trainer went on: "It's difficult to put a finger on what's exactly wrong. Some of the horses are doing a few coughs and their blood counts aren't quite right. It's just one of those things. For the next week or so i'll only run the ones that aren't affected. It's never a bad thing, in any case, to give horses a bit of a break in January before Cheltenham and Liverpool."

Pendennis fell at the fifth fence and Nicky Henderson went to the stables to inspect for possible damage. On his return, the Lambourn trainer said: "He's quite all right. I'm bring-ing See You Then to the course tomorrow to have a look around and to have a good workout after racing. He won't jump any hurdles. It's all part of his preparation for the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown on February 3."

third racecourse gallop as the trainer struggles to restore the triple champion hurdler to his peak after an absence from the racecourse of nearly two years. In the opening Hanworth Conditional Jockeys' Handicap, Jamie Railton, one of the sea-son's leading young riders, was once again seen to great advan-tage when riding Weirpool to a four lengths win over Mount

This will be See You Then's

ning trainer, was at Towcester, but was represented by his fiancee, Caroline Beasley, who was the first woman to ride a winner at the National Hunt Festival on Eliogarty.

Kami King success rewards owner

King for the first time at Towcester yesterday, and then saw the grey win the Shot Gun Novices' Hurdle.

Although displaced as favourite by late money for Favoski, it was Kami King who proved the stronger. Ben de Haan had Kami King in the front two all the way, sent him ahead approaching the home turn then held off Pavoski by 2½ lengths despite blundering at the last. Trainer Charlie Brooks, who had obviously given Mrs Valentine the right sort of encouragement, said: "We were very hopeful.
"Kami King is still only a baby and this was only his fourth race of any sort. He ran

just once on the Flat in France for Alain De Royer-Dupre, but the great thing is that his jumping is improving all the time. He was a bit awkward at two down the bottom of the course and he made a mess of the last but he's getting better." After three consecutive seconds in a row, two of them as favourite, Multum In Parvo redeemed himself with the punt-

ers with a four lengths success in the Duck Handicap Chase. The 11-8 favourite was still on a tight rein as he tracked Glebe a tight felli as he tracked Greec Spinney approaching the home turn and when Tom Morgan decided to make his move Multurn In Parvo immediately

Venetia Williams, assistant to winning trainer John Edwards, said: "It was just the big weight that beat Multurn In Parvo at Folkestone three weeks ago. He's not a very big horse and it didn't help him when today's weights went up. He will stay the last two races,



Mark Dwyer: wins on In The Fashion and Ambascade further than two miles and will probably go to 21/2 miles next

At Catterick Bridge, Mark Dwyer completed a swift double on In The Fashion and Am-buscade and is now only two short of his half-century for the

Ambuscade, making his race-course debut, beat Highflying by two lengths to take the Maltby Novices' Hurdle.Trained by George Moore, Ambuscade cracked a cannon-bone following his 9,200 guineas purchase at the Newmarket October Sales. As a youngster the son of Roberto was placed in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Dwyer faces a hectic schedule by the facts a nectic schedule today. After partnering Vicario Di Bray in the £15.000 Daily Mail Racecall Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock, a race the combination won last year, he dashes to Catterick to partner Shoon Wind and Principal in

Firth's defence rests on lack of guidelines

Pat Firth, aged 64, is to retire as clerk of the course at Doncaster do not exist." cierk of the course at Doncaster in March. The decision is not, the council says, in reponse to the Jockey Club report but to comply with its own policy on retirement at 65. He will con-tinue to officiate at Fakenham and Wetherby.

In his reply to the report,

Firth draws attention to the lack of existing regulations. "I have no record of ignoring Jockey Club instructions," he says, "If rules had existed my past record must indicate that they would have been obeyed. It is hardly a basic principle of British justice that a person exhealth have

do not exist."

That line of defence is also pursued by councillor Ron Gillies, the chairman of Doncaster's race committee. "The message comes through load and clear in the report," he says. "No-one broke any rules, there were none to break. The Jockey Club is only now deciding that-Club is only now deciding that-there should be some."

Firth may well have been a victim of circumstance, but the report concludes: "As clerk of

the course he is reponsible for the condition of the course. He

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Helpful guides for enthusiasts Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Point-to-point enthusiasts are spoilt for choice with three them in the battle against the bookmakers when the season commences in two weeks' time. As a sporting reference book, Mackenzie and Selby's Hunter Chasers and Point-to-Pointers is in a field of its own. This massive tome weighs in at almost 21b, the increase to 928 pages being mainly due to an easier-to-read print style,

devoted to the review of last season and the statistical section has also been enlarged. Following the pattern started by Geoffrey Sale 31 years ago, the bulk of the book is devoted

though more space has been

to last year's results and a history of all the runners. In this Ian Mackenzie's witty comments continue to amuse all but owners of certain horses, for example: "Careers around like a lunatic and should never be on a racecourse" and some riders hindered by the lady rider who is a confirmed arm waver".

This writer's fund of knowledge of interesting irrelevancies never ceases to amaze. "Bit off the owner's mother's earlobe".

"his breeder plays Percy Sugden in Coronation Street", and 'named after an ancient Palestinian fortress situated in the valley of Estraelou," are among this year's gems. An essential read for the winter Easier on the pocket, at

almost half the price and half the weight, is the 608-page Sporting Life Point-to-Point Form Book, aimed specifically at aiding the racegoer to find winners. Clearly set out to show the performance on every outing, all of last year's runners are given a

merit-rating for each race and a succinct comment in summary, eg: genuine but usually needs a race; may prefer L/H; has won three times at Cottenham; good/soft. An additional feature is that horses placed in Irish point-to-points and hunter chases have been incorporated in the main

index and the placings at these meetings are given at the end of the results section for the home NN14 2LU). (£12.95).

should turn to Point to Point Review 1989.

In an interesting preamble on the state of the sport the compilers inform us that "perhaps, 90 per cent of Irish pointto-pointers are for sale and the buyer is almost invariably British". Consequently, the percep-tive comments on all the newcomers to the home scene from across the water, provide invaluable information for the serious punter. Like its two British counter-

parts, relative merit-ratings are given for every horse and a cross-referenced index to last year's results is included within the 270 pages. ● Mackenzie and Selby's Hunter Chasers and Point-to-Pointers 1990 (Chase Publications, Hinton Martel, Wimborne. Dorset BH21 7HE.

(£24).

The Sporting Life Point-to-Point Form and Results 1989, (Sporting Life Publications, PO Box 54 Desborough, Northants Countries.

Point-to-Point Review 1989
Those wanting further (Form Card Publications, information of racing between the flags in Ireland, however, land). (£11.50).

Kempton Park

1.36 (3m ch) 1, WEIRPOOL (J Raiton, 9-2); 2, Mount Oliver (M Jones, 9-4 tav); 3, Fib (D Gatagher, 11-2), ALSO RAN; 5 Mershlender (4th), 11 Wildwood (pu), Greenore Pride (6th), 14 Trout Angler (ur), 33 Strah Jay (5th), 56 Ledy Of Baldwin, 9 ran. 41, 101, 101, 52, 55, M Robinson at Wantaga, Tota: £5.80; £1.90, £1.10, £1.60, DF: £6.70, CSF: £13.37, Tricest: £48.10.

2.0 (2m hdie) 1, SUODEN VICTORY (K Mooney, 9-4 fav. Misndarin's nap); 2, Riverheed (B Powell, 5-1); 3, Geld Service (P Scudamore, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Empire Blue (f), 6 Pearl Prospect (Sth), 25 Losningdale (481), Royal Groom, 33 Dramatic Event (f), 100 Brooktino (6th), Crave Coeur, Dunsany Playboy (pu), Kiram, Penthouse, Roman Crackshot, Roof Ghost (pu), Special Reserve, Picate, 17 ran. 2, 25, 5, 8, 13; 8 Hills at Menton. Total: 25.90; 21.20, 21.70, 21.60. DF.

2.38 (2m 4f ch) 1, CERTAIM STYLE (J Octome, B-1); 2, For The Grain (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 3, Sir's At The Gin (T Grainbarn, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 3 Pendenus (I), 20 Palmerston Boy (I), 50 Busy Mittens (4th), 100 Spienoid Fellow (I), Clover Song (5th), 8 ran. NR: Heckleston: N, 12d, lest, 30L O Sherwood at Lambourn. Tota: 57.00; £1.90, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £7.40, CSF: £16.53. 2.0 (2m ch) 1, THE A TRAIN (M Pitman, 2-1 tav); 2, Mizima Spring (B Powel, 7-1); 3, Breakfast Car (H Devises, 3-1), ALSO FANC 7-2 Another Bolus (f), 5 Springholm (4th), 5 ran. 3, 151, 2%L Mrs. J Phrasn at Upper Lambourn. Tots: 22.80; 21.70, 23.10, DF: £7.90, CSF: £13.25.

S.St (2m hole) 1, ROYAL SOLIARE (M Perrett, 13-8 (t-fav); 2, Regal Lake (M Perrett, 13-8 (t-fav); 2, Regal Lake (M Perrett, 13-8 (t-fav); 3, Bold Choice (P Scudamore, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 10 Deady Charm (49h), 14 Settor Boy, 33 Reagil (5th), 40 Virginia's Bey, 50 Charteris, Egrity Breeze, Electric Dencer, Ketle Sceriet (6th), 100 Aramid Cedar, Behaven Bill (bu), 13 ran. 71, 12-2, 12, 8, 6 Harwood at Pulborbugh, Tote: \$2.40, £1.10, £1.20, £1.20, £1.20, £2.20, £1.20, £2.20, £1.30, £1.20

22.20. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.05.
4.0 (3m hole) 1. MRMERAL DUST (J. Bryen, 10-1); 2. Lobric (R Durwoody, 16-1); 3. Military Bend (B Powell, 20-1); 4. Necoches (K Mooney, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Fav Helio Steve. 5 Senegalats (pu), 6 Marquee Cafe. 9 General Chryson (5th). 10 Mists Of Time, 12 Perfect Stranger (pu), Finel Alme, 16 Demil John (pu), 33 Gurisen Wood (pu), Arbitrage, Mr Caractesis (f), 50 Helis-Street-Blues, Fort Wapping (8th), Seal Prince, 18 ran. 21, 101, 71, 241, 31. Mrs Gill E Jones at Upton-on-Severn. Tota: £13.00; £3.00, £4.10, £2.70, £3.00. DF: £224.90. CSF: £149.56. Tricast: £2,842.61.

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1.15 (2m Indie) 1, KAMI KING (B de Isan, 2-1); 2, Fervesid (D Tegg, 7-4 fav); 3, Star Feryer (W McFartand, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Captain Krayyan, 10 Chidren's Jole (5th), 14 Go Nobley (6th, 16 Jayland, 20 Flying Junction (4th), 33 Hirastr B Birtheth, 50 Ballad Rater, 10 ran, 2%, %, 7, 5, 71, C Brooks at Lambourn, Toke; 250; £1.80, £1.80, £2.30, DF: £4.00, CSF; £6.11.

1.65 (2m SDud cht 1, MELTIMM IN 1.45 (2m 50yd ch) 1, MCE.TUM IN WRYO (7 Morgan, 11-8 fav); 2, Tuns Hei

CSF: 29.29,
2.15 (2m hole) 1, ALI MOURAD (W Irvine, 7-2): 2, Dreaming Star (P Verling, 4-1): 3, High Aloft (G Donaldson, 9-4), ALSO RAN: 2 fav Milinetta (5th), 20 Franch Castle (pu), 25 Valverde (4th), 6 ran. NR: Lotschen Lady, Emerad Sunset. ½, 154, hd, 251. E Wheeler at Lambourn. Tote: £4,80; places £2,80, £1.40. pp. 28.50. GSF: £18.66. Tricast 533.58. CSF: E18.50. Tricast: 533.54.

2.45 (3m 190yd ch) 1, KNRGHT Cill. (M Richards, 7-4 fav); 2, Gerrison Savannish (M Bowlby, 15-8); 3, Docklands Express (B de Hean, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 33 Uncla Raggy (4th, 50 Abboy Brave (7). Beach Tiger (pu). Sam Shorrock (5th). Wapping Regg (pu). 8 ren. 5, 30, 2%1, 15, 0 Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Toles: 53.20; 21.30, 21.30, 21.10. DF: 23.80, CSF: 55.98.

CSF: 55.08.

2.15 (2m hdie) 1. Ri-MA-RITHAMN (M Sowiby, 11-10 lav); 2. Andy Boy (S J O'Nell, 25-1); 3. Another Craise (J Brown, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Southern Supreme (5th), 15-2 Suneet Agen, 8 Marquat (co), 33 Brookenfield, Heart Of Kings (4th), incidental, Romantic Playboy, Sally's Gem, Miss Fem, 50 Glympton, Another Columbus, Bill And Coup (6th), Cerry The Can (ur), 16 ran, NR: Cogent, Manor Park Lass, 10, 29, Ink, 11, 11, Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Total: 22.60: 22.00, 23.30, 25.60. PE: 22.00. CSF: 23.37. 3.45 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1. HERBERT UNITED (J Frost, 7-2); 2, Cambord Palm (8 de Haan, 2-1 Tayl; 3, Transmunara (Peter Hobbs, 8-1), ALSO RAN; 3 Major March (4th), 10 its All Very Fine (f), 14 Hope Cove (pu), 6 ran, 2%, 30, %i, G Bedding at Weyhal; Toter: £3.80; £2.00; £1.90. DF: £4.20, CSF, £10.24.

4.15 (2m Fist) 1, BALLYNICK (P Harley, 12-1); 2, True Megic (P Verling, 7-2); 3, Donna's Tolem (J Brown, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Coksmy Boy (4h), 10 Delby Desh (5th). 25 Montoobi. Prince Vincerne, 33 Corry's Caper, Tochenia (6th). Beron Two Shoes, Galic Belle, 50 Joker Jack, Run Round The Park, Tell You What, Szzling Sun, Sun Stom, Spango Valley, 17 ran. NR: Rotten For Dephre, 34, 174, 61, 41, 61, N Handerson at Laribourn. Tote: 211.40; 24.20, 21.80, 25.20. DF: £14.50. CSF: £54.53.

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1.40 (Sm 1/80)q ch) 1, its The Foshion (M Dwyer, 1-2 fav); 2, Regardess (15-8); 3, Waverley Boy (33-1). 3 ran. Dist, dist, Jehmy Ragerald. Tota: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.58. CSF: 21.58. 2.10 (2m hole) 1, Ambuscade (M Dwyer, 11-4): 2, Highliving (20-1); 3, Outstanding Bill (8-1). 11-8 fav Ruman (pu), 16 ran. 21, 12. G Moore. Tote: 54.30; 21.30, 219.50, 21.70. DF: £41.30. CSF: £53.30. 21.70. DF: £41.30. CSF: £53.30.
2.40 (2m.ch) 1, Tamentown Led (T Potts. 9-1): 2. Charle Dagg (8-1): 3, Stormguard (4-1 (f-fav)). 4 (f-fav) Solve (5th). 8 (fan. 3). 15th. A Potts. Totts: £8.60: £1.80. £8.20. £1.10. DF: £37.00. CSF: £57.63. Tricast: £300.03. No bid.
3.10 (2m holle) 1, Sacred Gern (L Weer, 25-1): 2. Forever Asson (9-2): 3, Foxy Boy (8-1). 6-4 fav Arnicombe Run (5th). 7 ran, NF: Mrs Muddia. 3, 11, M Gamacho, Totts: £29.70: £10.00, £1.20. DF: £25.60. CSF: £115.32.

3.40 (3m 4l ch) 1. The Walk (C Grant, 5-4 fav); 2, Pikeman (12-1), 3, Lingham Bride (7-2), 6 ran, 3, 121 W A Stephenson, Tote: \$2.10; £1.20, £3.60. OF; £13.60. CSF; £12.73.

4.05 (2m hdie) 1. Fishermen's Croft (6 McCourt, 2-1 fav): 2. Mowthorpe (3-1): 3. King William (10-1). 8 ran, 31, 11. N Tinkler-Totte: £3.30: £1.30, £1.80, £3.70. DE: £3.70. CSF: £7.97. Tricast: £40.77. Fiscapot: £110.10

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1.25 (2m hotie) 1, Authornibe (C Smith, 4.5 fav. 2, Cherry Chap (8-1); 3, Joyhlynss (6-1); 8 ran. 4l, 4l, W Musson, Toler, 21.79; £1.10, £9.60, DF; £1.00 (first of Second with any other), CSF; £0.67, 1.55 (2m hotie) 1, Gargoor (S Kegnitay, 5-1); 2, Besic Fun (4-6 fav); 3, Scarlet Legend (5-4), 3 ran. 1l, dist, N Callaghan, 104s; £4.50, DF; £2.30, CSF; £3.99, 2.55 (2m hotie) 1, Dre Rife Bas Ri S S Turner, 7-1); 2, Peorgiow (5-1); 3, King Of Seibris (20-1), Mosphraf 2-1 fav. 9 ran. Hd, 18, W Besniey, Tole; £10,00; £2.90, £1.10, £5.30, DF; £17.70, CSF; £42.07, 2.65 (2m 2f hotie) 1, Storm Wardor (A. Juckes, 3-1); 2, Lucy Lastic (6-1); 3, Cuckeo in The Nest (10-1), Young Paggeant 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 8l, 7l, B Prescator (10:5); 5. £19.16.
2.25 (2m df holle) 1, Whitnewesh (S Smith 1 Eccles, 1-8 fav): 2, London Wendoms (7-1): 3, Head Lad (25-1), 3 ren, 51, dist. Min D Haine, Tota: £1.10 DF: £1.10, CSF: £1.37, 3 ss (2m df holle) 1, Sallak (Gary Lyons,

Halos, Tote: £1.10 DF: £1.10, CGF. E. 10. 3.55 (2m 4f India) 1, Salaki (Gary Lyons, 1-4 fav); 2, Touch Of Speed (6-1), 3 ran. Dist. R Hollinshead, Tote: £1.10; DF: £2.00, CSF; £2.06, Only two finished.

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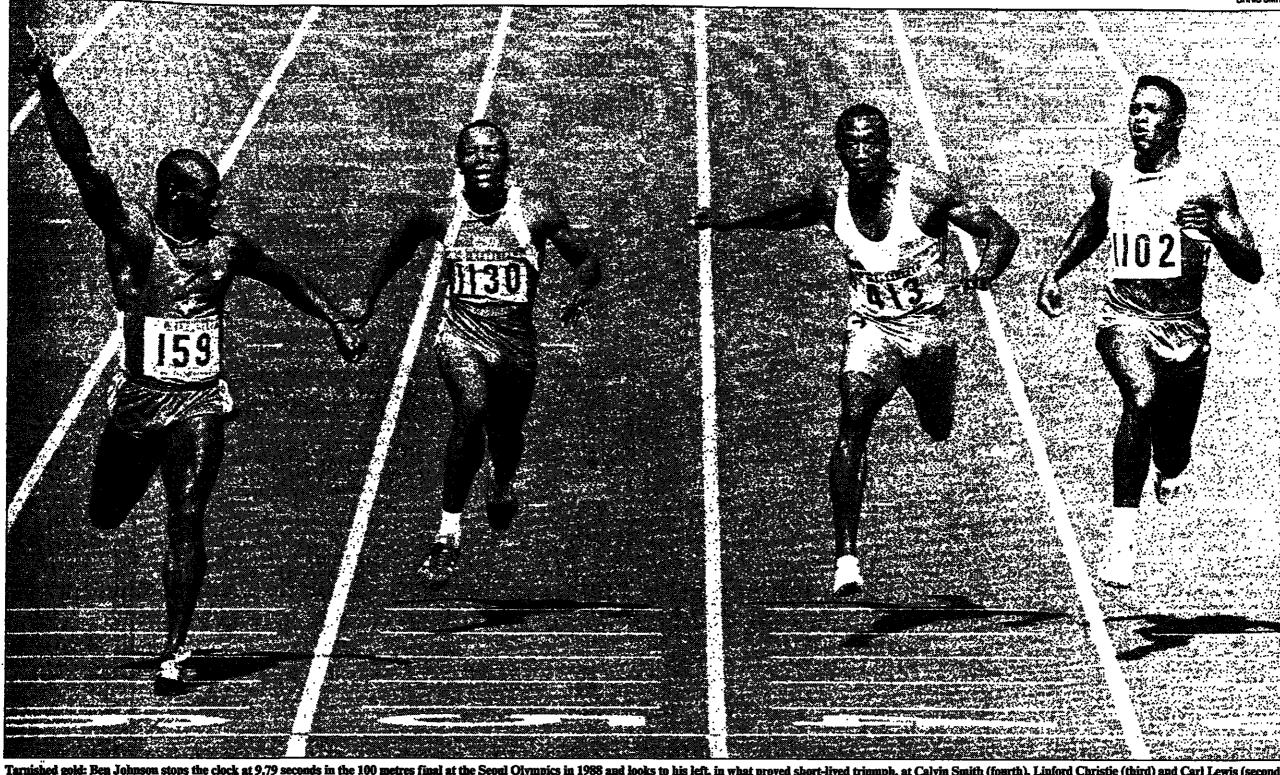
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Within three days of placing third at Seoul, Linford Christie found his bronze medal had turned to silver with Johnson's disqualification. The British sprinter then saw himself heading for similar disgrace when his own drug test gave a positive reading

living in one of the were built in Britain in high-rise blocks of

with a big worry: a strained abductor muscle. At my first session, I couldn't run more than 30 metres before breaking down. This is it, I thought, my first Olympics and I'm going to be completely sidelined by injury. The night before the heats of the 100 metres I hardly slept at all with the worry of my injury. I

arrived at the stadium early and had a massage from Joan Watt. On my way through the checking procedures with Les Jones, the assistant team manager, I went to the lavatory two or three times, which is fairly normal. I had the young East German Matthes in my heat and I knew he was a fast starter, so I concentrated hard, thinking about my own start and pick-up. I followed him out, went into the lead and won. It was so easy that I felt wonderful: my injury had disappeared.

I went back out to the warm-up track and had a further massage, as I always do. Frank Dick brought across the draw for the second-round heats and I discovcred that I was running against Ben Johnson. I had no worries they had dissolved in 10.19

We were in the first heat. Ben blazed away to his usual start, but with 10 metres to go it appeared to me that he had nothing more to give. I ran in to win, and Dennis Mitchell also went past him. It meant that Ben was in the galling position of having to wait to see if he would be one of the four fastest

Ben Johnson had qualified for the semi-final by being the fastest loser with 10.17 seconds. The pundits were all agreed, however, that his chances of winning the sold medal the next day looked remote, that he had spoilt his chances with that injudicious race against Carl Lewis in Zurich. In the Weltklasse he had clearly not recovered from his early-season injuries, and by running there he had increased the time needed to get back to full fitness. Lewis looked set to retain his Olympic

The 100 metres final was as dramatic and exciting as everyone had thought it would be. Johnson had fooled everybody again — including Lewis who for the second year in succession had run the fastest time of his life and set a new American record of 9.92 seconds, but still finished second. For the first time in history, four men had bettered 10 seconds in one race. Christie was third in 9.97 seconds. Calvin Smith, in fourth place, was

timed at 9.99 seconds. Tony and Les Jones, the assistant team manager, woke me up. They told me that Ben had been nd positive on his drug test. I didn't believe them at first; I

both ITV and BBC, who had the British Olympic headquarters. All I could say was that I was sorry for Ben, that he was a good friend of mine. I was in a state of shock. When the pictures were being shown in Britain, many people

noticed that I was looking down all the time the interview was taking place. They thought that I was either embarrassed or emotionally cnt up. What I was actually doing was looking at the monitor that was on the floor. I was taken aback that there was neither a cameraman nor an interviewer there, just a camera pointing at me. I was actually talking to people in London. Later in the day I met one of the

Canadian sprint coaches. Their

team was, of course, traumatized. 'T'm really sorry to hear about Ben," I said to him, and then suddenly the tears came, couldn't hold them back. I cried for Ben because I felt so sorry for him. I have always argued that anyone who is found positive should be banned for life, but you always hope that it's not going to happen to someone you know. I cried because it hurt. It was a sad, sad day. I wasn't crying only for Ben Johnson, I was crying for my sport. I love my athletics. It is the vehicle that has enabled me to express myself, it is the only thing that I have ever been really good at - I was never going to be a worldclass scholar or musician or anything. Sprinting has given me self-respect, taken me out of the ruck. It is my business. And now, I

At 10 o'clock the IOC called its press conference. A substance had been found in the sample given by the sprinter Ben Johnson, namely 'stanozol, an anabolic steroid'. The statement continued:

thought, it is the end of athletics as

The IOC Medical Commission discussed all arguments presented by the Canadian delegation, especially the statement that the substance in question might have been administered after the competition by a third party. The steroid profile, however, is not consistent with such a claim. The IOC Medical Commission recommends the following sanction: disqualification of this competitor from the Games. The decision is unanimous. No right of appeal is

Fifty minutes later Ben Johnson. his family and his coach, Charlie Francis, were boarding a Korean Airlines flight from Kimpo to New

The 100 metres hadn't been just a sporting event, it had been news. Millions of people around the world who normally had no interest in track and field had been lured by the drama of it. After the race Ben had spoken to the Canadian Prime Minister live on television, and the Premier had rejuctantly agreed to go on tele-vision, though I wish I had been made proud that day. In Jamaica protected from that I talked to people had celebrated in the

It was late on the Sunday nigh the day after the 100 metres final, that the IOC Committee was told that the first test of Johnson's sample had shown positive for an anabolic steroid. At 1.45am on the Monday, the Canadian Olympic Association was informed. They in turn told Charlie Francis, who went to the Hilton Hotel to break the news to his athlete. Subsequently Francis's heavy involvement in his athletes' drug-taking would be revealed. Later that day the Canadians attended the IOC

laboratories for the second test of Ben's B sample, the back-up to the original. It again showed positive. The IOC Medical Commission met and decided that Johnson should be banned; their Executive concurred. In the middle of Tuesday night. Ben was stripped of his

Robson da Silva, came past. I set a new British record of 20.09 seconds as a consolation prize for fourth, also becoming the thirdfastest ever European. De Loach beat Carl, 19.76 to 19.79 seconds for a new Olympic record.

After I collected my gear, I found that I had been selected for a drug test, along with the three medal winners. During the Thursday, the day after the 200 metres when I was not competing, I was walking around in a new tee-shirt to go with my 'Pure Talent' one. It said 'Drug Free Zone'. A reporter asked me: "Well, what do you think should happen to those people caught taking drugs?"

I said: "They should be banned for life. No reprieve." They were words that I would well remember

streets. All of this served only to position until the last few strides But don't tell me that I'm on

We walked back to the athletes' apartment block. By this time I was beginning to feel a little hysterical. I thought about the shame of it all, what the world would say. I thought about my new tee-shirt, 'Drug Free Zone'.
The letter from the IOC Medical Commission did not indicate what the substance was but with the prevailing atmosphere after Ben's positive test, the natural reaction was steroids. And that is what I thought: "My God, they've

found steroids!" We assembled in the downstairs room that served as an office. I was faced by Mike Turner, Ewan Murray, the chairman of the British Board, and Malcolm Read. the team doctor, I think his assistant, Malcolm Bottomley, joined us later. I had to relay to Kingsbury for judo.

As they climbed from their car so the media members stirred, the cameras rolled and the rumours that had already been circulating were confirmed: a British athlete and a judo competitor had been found positive. The BOA people went inside for the second tests on both men's B samples. They confirmed the positive results.

Malcolm Read came to see me and explained that they now knew what the substance was: oseudoephedrine, a stimulant that is normally found in cough linctus and other medicines. A whole new line of questioning began. What did I take? Had I taken any cough medicines? I had to produce all my cartons of vitamins and ginseng. I went back to the BOA offices to meet Robert Watson, who in addition to being the Treasurer of the British Olympic Association is also a Queen's Counsel. He was the man who was going to lead the defence at the

hearing that evening. In the afternoon there were two developments. The test results revealed that, of Kerrith's and my samples, one was a serious case and the other not so serious. The other development was that ginseng was now the prime suspect in my particular case, and I had to produce all my bottles and tablets.

In the evening we set off for the Hotel Shilla in Seoul for the inquiry, leaving the Village by a back entrance in a number of cars. We were quite a large contingent: the judo people, members of the athletics team management and, of course, the BOA. When the convoy arrived at the hotel there was absolute bedlam - TV camera crews, microphones, glaring lights, pressmen, people shouting questions, utter pandemonium.

We sat in a small bedroom and discussed the procedures. I knew by now that Kerrith Brown was in much greater trouble than I was. Robert Watson is an outspoken man who doesn't mince his words, and he said simply that Brown had been damned stupid. Kerrith went down first to face the IOC Medical Committee and, as it turned out, the music. They found him guilty and took away his bronze medal. To me, sitting in the bedroom on the top floor of the Shilla, Kerrith's proceedings seemed to take a lifetime. Finally I was

The inquiry room reminded me of the European Court in Strasbourg - big tables and microphones everywhere. The room was set in a square, and we were to sit at one end. Robert Watson presented my case, and I was even more impressed with him. As he expounded our viewpoint he reminded me of a television lawyer.

Prince de Marode then asked me if I had anything to say. "Sirs," I said, "I have always been an outspoken person on drug

abuse; I have always been willing to campaign against drugs. I have life. The only things that I have ined up in front were samples of all my vitamin supplements and ginseng, which they then began to pass around. "I would never." I concluded, "take any illegal substances ever." The questioning was then thrown open to the members of the Medical Commission. Where did I buy my vitamins? Where did I obtain my

was gaining the distinct impression that the hardliners on the commission were determined to pursue it to the bitter end. I told them that I hadn't changed my routine at all since arriving in Japan and Korea except for finishing off all my ginseng. "Why did you take such large quantities? one of the committee asked. "Did you think it would enhance your performance?"

"I do not take anything to enhance my performance." I re-' plied. "I take these supplements and ginseng for my whole wellbeing. I take them because I put my body through a tremendous stress and strain, which is unnatural. I think it is important to take vitamins in larger volume than a normal person.

"Why did you take larger quantities of ginseng before the 200 metres?"

"Because," I replied, "it is a longer distance, double the distance of my main race, so I felt that I needed to replace energy quickly. I also wanted to get rid of it all to avoid carrying it back to

It was over. We adjourned to a small adjacent room. I thought about the inquiry and the questions, but there was no way of telling how it had gone. There seemed to be mixed reactions. I felt there were some people there who looked upon drug abuse as just one symptom of the degeneration of the sport they had once taken part in and loved, that drugs, money, publicity, and individual success had finally dragged it down, and they were out for blood.

We sat in the room for about 10 minutes and then returned to the inquiry. There were further exchanges and then Robert Watson said: "Let's go," and we left. There was no verdict: nobody said a word to me. Robert told me to go back to the Village and sleep.

I went back to the Village, back to my room. Much later in the small hours. Malcolm Read came up to tell me that everything was fine, that I was cleared to run pending the approval of the IOC Executive, which was a formality. had never experienced a greater feeling of relief than when I heard Malcolm's words. For me it was tantamount to having been on Death Row and reprieved at the eleventh hour. I would not wish a similar 24 hours on my worst

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Olympic gold medal. The LAAF announced that he was automatically banned for two years, and that his world record of 9.79 seconds would not be recognized. Linford now had the silver medal and Calvin Smith the bronze. In Canada Ben had been cheered on his arrival at Toronto airport, and another crowd had gathered out-side his home. He arrived but could not get in because he did not have his key, so he was left standing on his own doorstep, the crowd watching, the television cameras filming.

houghts of Ben stayed with me that day, mainly of the disgrace of it all and, because of that, how he must be feeling.

Life must go on though, and we received the draw for the semifinals of the 200 metres. I just ran a relaxed race in order to qualify. Carl had won the first semi. I was beginning to feel sore, to ache after all the racing I had been doing. I had never before run so many races in such a short time span, and I was glad I had taken all of

I had a good draw, with Joe De Loach outside me. I thought that the best plan was to catch him as quickly as possible and then hold on to my lead down the straight. It was a good plan except that, in the race, I didn't catch him! It wasn't until afterwards that I learned he had a best time for the 100 metres of 10.03. I held the bronze-medal

I had had a relaxed, easy day and was feeling in good spirits. A whole gang of us had been to the Village restaurant for dinner and a lively argument had developed about patriotism, which continued as we left to cross the road back towards the British apartment block. On the way we met Mike Turner, the team manager, who had apparently been looking for me. He said: "Linford, can I have a word with you?" We moved to one side while the rest of the group, now giggling a little, went on.

He is, in 'real life', a Cambridge don. He is also Mr Patriotism himself and I thought that he had overheard our argument and was about to deliver an erudite lecture on the subject. Instead, he said: "We've had a letter from the IOC to say that they have found an substance in your test

sample. I gaped at him and then laughed. "Get out of here!" I said. I thought that he was out for some fun. "You're joking!"

"I can assure you," he said, "that I have never been more serious in my life."

The first thought that flashed through my mind was that Ben had said that his sample must have been sabotaged in doping control. I thought that there must be a conspiracy going on. I said, Sabotage! Somebody out there is jealous and has sabotaged my sample like they did to Ben. If they want my medal they can have it. them everything that I had done and eaten both on the day of the test - which was taken after the 200 metres - and on the day before that. I was grilled; there is no other word for it. I felt that I wasn't being believed. They were making me feel like a criminal. I went into the next block to

I told him what had happened.

me seel a little better. Next it transpired that two British team members had just had positive tests. The other was the judo competitor, Kerrith Brown, who had won a bronze medal. The whole thing was

evolving into a ghastly nightmare. Early the next morning a contingent from the British Olympic Association drove to the IOC medical laboratories in Seoul. Encamped outside the building since the Johnson affair had broken were the media - television and press. Among the BOA group was the BOA Secretary, Dick Palmer, the judo team manager, Arthur Mapp, and Mike Turner. There were also medical repre-

repeat my explanations to the British Olympic Association. On the way across I met Daley, returning battered and bruised from his decathlon in which he had just failed to win a medal. He looked at me, and said: "You're in trouble, aren't you?" Apparently some rumours were already circulating in the stadium.

"Daley," I asked, "do you believe that I'm on drugs?"
"No chance," he said. It made

summoned down to face the

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5 1275 LE CAROTTE 108 (D.F.G) A BERTOW 8-10-11 W Invite (3)
6 1111 WONDERINE 72 (D.F.G) M Pipe 5-10-8 ... J Lower
7 12-0 DRIECT 24 (5) J Edwards 7-10-7 ... D Tegs
8 -01F SIP OF ORANGE 15 (F.G.S) Jenny Fizzgardd 8-10-7

9 1-16 BROCTURE GREY 24 (F,S) Mrs G Revelor 5-10-6 R Hodge (7) 10 2-11 REGGAE YEOMAN 22 (F,G,S) J Gifford 6-10-6

11 20-0 SOMEBODY 35 (B.S) J White 5-10-4 _____ K Barke 12 20-12 STRONG GOLD 28 (F.S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-2

13 323/0 VINO FESTA 24 (D.F.G.S) R Perkins 11-10-1 M Bowby
14 1130 CANNAAS 14 (B.F) Mrs D Haine 6-10-0 V Smith (S)
15 1-23 WHISTLING TIGES 47 (Q.S) D Burchell 5-10-0

16 1-P0 BONNE ARME 15 (S) O O'Neil 9-18-0..... V Stattery (7) 17 2131 ALAOUI 15 (F,G,S) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-0

9-2 Sip Of Orange, 5-1 Wonderine, 6-1 Strong Gold, 8-1 Urizen, Broctune Grey, Reggae Yeoman, 10-1 others.

3.30 BOSWORTH NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £2,786:

11113 ANTINOUS 24 (F.Q.S) M H Easterby 6-11-12.... L Wyer 2 533 BALLINHASSIG 11 J Upson 6-11-4...... I Limerence 3 40- CAPTAIN FRISK 275 K Balley 7-11-4...... I Limerence (5) 5 2-10 DEVILS ELBOW 14 (F) N Gassiee 6-11-4...... D Skyrme (5) 5 2-10 DEVILS ELBOW 14 (F) N Gassiee 6-11-4..... B Power 6 6 90-3 GINGA JAM 68 W Cky 7-11-4..... B R Seven (7) 6000 GOODWYNS LAD 19 (5) A Barrow 6-11-4... W Indus (3) 8 073F KEAVENLY BROTHER 10 (F,S) N Mischell 7-11-4.

5-4 Antinous, 3-1 Ballimhassig, 6-1 Heavenly Brother, 8-1 Davils Elbow, 10-1 Tabellina, 12-1 others.

4.0 UNIVERSITY OF LOUGHBOROUGH TURF

5-4 Abbotts View, 3-1 Hot Girl, 4-1 Norwich Castle, 6-1 River Kingdom, 8-1 Silent Ring, Goldfields, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: A Akehurst. 13 winners from 37 nunners, 35 1%; J Gifford, 4 from 12, 33.3%; M P.pe, 22 from 93, 23.7%; K Bailey. 8 from 35. 22.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 17 from 82, 20.7%; O Shenwood, 10 from 51, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 6 winners from 22 rides, 27.3%; Mr G Upton, 3 from 11, 27.3%; W Irwne, 5 from 24, 20.8%; M Bowlby, 5 from 26, 19.2%; D Gallegher, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Brennan, 3 from 17, 17.8%.

2.25 DESIGN CONTRACTORS TIMOTHY CLAIM-

1 541- NORCUAY 141 (D.C.S) N Tinkler 5-9-3... Kim Tinkler 7 2 00-0 ADDRING MAN 18 (B) A Balley 5-8-13 Dean McKeown 8 3 3-31 RISH PASSAGE 9 (CD.F.G) T Barron 7-8-13

4 406- BOLD CADET 19J (B) C. Jackson 5-8-11 ... A McGione 2 5 002- RESTLESS RHAPSODY 58J (F,G) K White 7-8-11

1 01-2 PETAVIOUS 18 (C) Lady Herries 5-9-10... T Williams 7 2 10-1 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 7 (C,D,F) J Bottomiey 4-9-3 G Bardwell 1 3 41-5 MASTER PLAN 9 (F) J S Wilson 4-9-3 Dean McKeown 8 4 5-33 DRAG ARTIST 4 (B,Q,S) M Brittain 5-9-0 S Missioney (7) 5 6-21 KENILWORTH CASTLE 9 (B,C) R Holinshead 4-8-11 Series 4

J Quinn (3) 9 . S Wood (5) 6

S Wood (5) 5

8 201- WOODHOOPDE 21 (C) C Bell 4-8-3..... S Wood 9 /66- RED PLANET 134 Denys Smith 5-7-9... P Datton (10 06-0 MY SWAN SONG 4 (B,D,G) J Smith 5-7-9... N Adam

11-4 Petavious, 3-1 Custinair Aviator, 4-1 Kenilworth Castle, 11-2 Non Permanent, 8-1 Woodhoopee, 12-1 others. 3.25 DESIGN CONTRACTORS COWSLIP HAND-ICAP (3-Y-O: £2,217: 51) (6)

1 504 OR NOR 115 (D,F) W Carter 9-7 Q Carter 5
2 20-2 MAISON DES FRUTS 7 (BF) C Alter 9-2 M Denaro (7) 2
3 0-21 MISS KNIGHT 9 (C) R Basterian 9-0 — J Crann (3) 1
4 006- ORATEL R.YER 35 R Thompson 9-5 — 3
5 00-1 WALTZING WEASEL 18 (C) J Wherton 8-6. P Walsh 4
6 0-35 FINAL HARIYEST 14 (B,BF) D Chapman B-5
5 Wood (5) 5

2-1 Waltzing Weasel, 7-2 Malson Des Fruns, 4-1 Miss Kreight, 6-1 Final Harvest, 8-1 Or Nor, 10-1 Oratel Flyer.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; T Barron, 9 from 27, 33.3%; J Dunlop, 5 from 19, 26.2%; C Tinider,

3 from 16, 18.8%; J Wharton, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Mrs N Macauley, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

ING STAKES (£2,721: 1m) (18)

CAP (£2,798: 1m 4f) (10)

2m 4f) (12)

2m) (8)

1 B41- HENRY MANN 276 (F.Q.S) S Christian 7-11-10

(Qualifier: £4,203: 2m 5f) (30)

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THE TIMES SATURDAY JANUARY 20 1990 Conditions ideal for Mrs Muck Selections Selections Selections Selections

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Mrs Muck, from Nigel Twiston-Davies's small but successful Gloucestershire stable, appeals as the day's best bet to win the Mandor Flexible Doors Premier Long Dis-

today, and she is my nap. Were this a handicap she would be giving weight to all her rivals with the possible exception of the Irish challenge Trapper John ,who finished a creditable second at hard to beat over today's Chehenham and Liverpool on distance, especially when the his two visits to this country mud is flying. last season.

firmly believe that with only 11st 2lb to carry through what are bound to be testing conditions underfoot she will never stand a better chance of winning a race of this nature again.

indeed at Ascot.

As that was a handicap she is now exempt a penalty for Pipe's stable. today's conditions race unlike

and Trapper John, who are all saddled with extra having won a valuable weight-for-age race during the last 15 months.

On her return to Ascot last month, Mrs Muck ran a race that was brimful of promise, being beaten by only Royal tance Hurdle at Haydock Park Athlete who has won twice since, albeit over fences.

Recent winning form is sported by Auction Law, Fleet Commander and Shilgrove Placem but not the sort that has always made Mrs Muck so

At these weights, I am more As it is, Mrs Muck receives afraid of Trapper John, who weight from them all and I ran well to finish second to Naevog at Leopardstown last month after failing to cut any ice over fences.

Twelve months ago, the Daily Mail Racecall Champion Hurdle Trial was won in quite scintillating style by Vicario Di Bray, who is in the It was at this stage of last Vicario Di Bray, who is in the season that Mrs Muck was line-up again. In this instance, seen at her best, beating the in- though, I prefer Milford Quay, form Mr Gossip very readily who has improved like so many seem to do in leaps and bounds since joining Martin

Two factors persuade me Ikdam, Pertemps Network that the Peter Marsh Chase,



Nigel Twiston Davies, who runs the fancied Mrs Muck

the day's most valuable feature, can be won by the top weight Yahoo, who incidentally has two victories tance to his credit already.

and the second is the soft going. No runner in the race will

relish this more than Yahoo,

Kempton last time, even though he eventually finished 15 lengths behind Desert Orchid.

At Kempton today, Mick Ryan's versatile seven-yearold Osric makes a quick return to active duty when he shoulders top weight in the Bic Razor Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle, having finished an honourable seventh in The Ladbroke Hurdle at Leopardstown a week ago. On his last visit to the Sunbury

will be hard to beat. Yet I still feel he will be hard pressed to give 15lb to Kadan, who has had a nice rest since winning three races in quick succession towards the end of November and at the begin-

his finishing pace. this in-form pair were respon-

fancy his chances on Welsh Oak in the Fulwell Handicap Chase, I just prefer Andy Turnell's progressive sevenyear-old Katabatic.

At his best Decided is entitled to beat Another Coral in the Bic Razor Novices' Chase while the Hampton Novices' Chase should go to Nedform, who put up such a bold show against Celtic Shot at Sandown.

Finally, those who lost their cash at Sandown on that sameafternoon when General Pershing was beaten so unluckily can get it back in the Red Rose Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Warwick, where Remedy The Malady is taken to regain the winning trail by landing the Racephone National Handicap Chase.

Racing next week MONDAY: Leicester, Lingfield Park

TUESDAY: Nottingham, Lingfield WEDNESDAY: Sedgefield, Wolverhampton, Southwell (AW)
THURSDAY: Taunton, Southwell

Lingfield Park (AW) SATURDAY: Cheltenham, Don-caster, Ayr, Lingfield Park (AW) Flat meetings in bold

(£1,856: 2m) (18) 11,856; 2mj (10) 1 0030 GRENTAL EXFRESS 7 (CD,F,S) Ronald Thompson 7-12-0J K Kler 2 60F- ROYAL ROUSER 382 (O.S) J Fort 7-11-7-3 66-60 EMERIKALA 11 (D.S) Miss G Rees 5-11-5

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By Mandarin

1.0 Mr Quick, 1.30 Royal Mile, 2.0 Old Apple-

jack. 2.30 Fiery Sun. 3.0 Ringmore. 3.30 Spark Of

1.0 SEAMER NOVICES CHASE (£2,119: 2m) (7

1 F3/41 MR QUECK 14 (D.F.G) J Wharton 11-11-11 S J O'Nem
2 -5411 ROYAL GREER 21 (CD.F.G) G Moore 8-11-11 P Nive
3 -50 P DUSALEA 35 (F.S) J Heldene 7-11-3 N Dought
4 0444 RATROVERT 24 A Smath 6-11-3 C Grant
5 F YACHT CLUB 14 J Eyre 8-11-3 C Grant
6 C00 MAUDLINS CROSS 17 J Johnson 5-10-7 T Reed
7 PC94 FINAL TRIP 15 F Jesin 5-10-2 L O'Ham (5)

6-4 Royal Greak, 5-2 Mr Quick, 6-1 Introvert, 8-1 Yacht Club, 10-1 Final Trip, 14-1 Maudans Cross, 25-1 Dubalea.

1.30 BEDALE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 3m 1f

2-1 Royal Mile, 7-2 Garry Odder, 5-1 Tulum, 8-1 Soybean, 12-1 Cot Lane, Remember Josh, 15-1 others.

2.0 LEEMING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,301: 3m 1f

1 -314 OLD APPLEJACK 25 (CD.F.S) J Johnson 10-11-13

2 2F12 CAKEN 8 (CD.F.G) Denys Smith 9-11-13 Mr P McMabon 3 3222 LA PLUME 5 (F) P Beaumont 9-10-0 P A Famel 4-64 LEAVE IT TO BALLY 25 P Bovan 10-10-0 A Orkney 11-10 Calson R.J. Cliff Amelicania

11-10 Oeken, 6-4 Old Applejack, 4-1 La Plume, 20-1 Leave It To Bally.

230 SWALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

1 1252 ROYAL MILE 55 (F) W A Stephenson 5-12-0

Peace, 4.0 Colombiere.

Going: good to firm

Selections

By Mandarin 1.0 Bold King's Hussar. 1.30 General Pershing. 2.0 Amari King. 2.30 Remedy The Malady. 3.0 Strong Gold. 3.30 Antinous. 4.0 Abbotts View.

Going: good to soft 1.0 BOSWORTH NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £2,763:

2m 4f) (12 runners) 1 -F81 BOLD KRKG'S HUSSAR 22 (C.G.S) Mrs S Armytage 7-11-8Gee Army 2 45-6 BENTLEY 25 Mrs. J Croft 7-11-4 7-11-8Get Annytage 3 0,9-4 BUTT AND SEN 22 (G) F Walvyn 6-11-4 R Chapaten 4 4FP- CELTIC TRUST 273 (S) J McConnochie 7-11-4. J Bryan 5 112F- PIDCLERS TMRSE 322 (G,5) T Forsior 7-11-4

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6 FRIAL SPRING Mrs G Jones 6-11-4 C Smi

7 U00 CATTERSTOWN 12 M Oliver 7-11-4 J Reliton (
8 0/0 JRICKY TWIST 22 K Bishop 7-11-4 A Tory (
10 C0 QUARRY TOWN 22 J EOWSTGS 7-11-4 D Tog

11 11-5 ROMANY KING 77 (SI G Bishing 6-11-4 Mr S Mallin

12 5022 ASTRE RADIEUX 11 S Mellor 5-10-7 S Cowle 5-2 Astre Radieux, 3-1 Fiddlers Three, 4-1 Celtic Trust, 5-1 Romany King, 6-1 Bold King's Hussar, 8-1 others. 1.30 RED ROSE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,817: 2m) (8) 1 1212 CAY RUFFIAN 28 (D.G.S) D Burchell 11-8 D J Burchell 2 0121 GCOD SPARK 10 (D.F.G.S) R Akehurst 11-6 J Leech (S) 3 314 CENERAL PERSHING 14 (D.S) F Jordan 11-4 J Lodder (5)

4 11 SHACEUX 11 (B.D.F.S) M Pipe 11-4. J Lower 5 401 SPRBNG RAG 7 (CD.S) G Belding 11-4. S Hodgson 6 05 BEST EFFORT 11 R Holder 11-0. M Mace 177 7 ROUYAN 121F R Simpson 11-0. W MORTI 8 STONE DRUM 96F M Bradstock 11-0. K Monney 17-10 General Pershing, 11-4 Shadeeux, 4-1 Good Spark, 6-1 Gay Rufflen, 14-1 others.

2.0 BEAR HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,794: 2m) (5) 1 225- POMMARDY 305 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Chadwick 2 2624 BEE GARDEN 12 (B,CD,G,S) P Balley 9-11 3 3216 MOSLE EYRE 11 (D.G.S) D Gandolfo 9-10-7 B Powell 4 00-1 AMARI KING 21 (D.S) T Forster 6-10-0 J Reiten (3) 5 0001 RED TIMBER 24 (B.D.F) D Nicholson 6-10-0

7-4 Amari King, 3-1 Noble Eyre, 4-1 Bee Garden, Red Timber, 8-1 Pommardy. 2.30 RACEPHONE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

(£6.232: 3m 4f 180yd) (18) 1 22-4 SAM DA VINCI 57 (F,G,S) J Blundell 11-11-10 2 1142 NEDNIGHT MADNESS 19 (F,Q,S) D Bloomfield 12-11-8 R Greene (7) el 8-11-2 A Tory (5)

3-1 Cool Ground, 6-1 Dercander, 8-1 Remedy The Melady, 10-1 Mister Christian, Midnight Madness, 12-1 others.

3 APASOUTHWELL

By Mandarin 12.55 Bronze Cross. 1.25 Wellsy Lad. 1.55 Orbit. 2.25 Supreme Blues. 2.55 Petavious. 3.25 Waltzing Weasel.

Going: standard

12.55 DESIGN CONTRACTORS RYE HANDICAP (£2,679; 7f) (11 runners)

1 5-11 BRONZE CROSS 4 (CD,C) T Sarron 5-10-1 (7ex) 2 83-2 COINCIDENTAL 16 (D,F,G,S) D Mortis 8-10-0
3 02-0 FIXNAIR FINESSE 2 (S) J Czerpsk 4-9-8 John Fortune 5
4 -142 GOTHIC FORO 4 (C,D,F,S) C Trikler 6-9-5. G Center 10
5 460- ETERNAL ETIANGLE 71 (F,S) J Czerpsk 4-9-4 N Howe 2
5 30-2 SULLY'S CHOICE 4 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-8-12
Dean McKelcour 8
7 80-6 SUZY LORENZO 11 (B) R O'Sullivan 5-8-6 J Deine 123 2

1.25 DESIGN CONTRACTORS BRACKEN CLAIM-

1.55 FOXGLOVE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,364:

Runner, 8-1 Acqua Noir, 12-1 Farndale, 14-1 others. Ambuscade off

The George Moore-trained Ambuscade made an impressive debut, beating Highflying by two lengths to take the Maltby Novices Hurdle at Catterick

The American-bred four-year-old coll was patiently nursed by the Middleham trainer after cracking a cannon bone following his 9,200 guineas

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JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 9 winners from 14 rices, 64.3%; P Walsh, 3 from 14, 21.4%; S Perks, 6 from 30, 20.0%; T Quinn, 3 from 25, 12.0%; G Carter, 5 from 43, 11.6%; T Writams, 3 from 28, 10.7%. LADBROKE LINE CLASSIFIED RACING RESULTS 0898 222 565 COMMENTARIES 0898 222 555
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KEMPTON PARK

Selections By Mandarin

1.10 Decided. 1.40 Ard T'Match. 2.10 Kadan.

2.40 Katabatic 3.10 Nodform. 3.40 File Concord.

By Michael Seely 2.10 WONDER MAN (nap), 2.40 Katabatic. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 OSRIC.

Going: good

1.10 BIC RAZOR NOVICES CHASE (£3,704: 2m) (8 runners)

SETTING: 9-4 Another Coral, 5-2 Decided, 3-1 Mister Point, 7-1 Rymster, 15-2 Good Tonic, 10-1 River flog, 12-1 Brandeston, 14-1 others. 1989: WATERLOO BOY 6-11-11 R Durwoody (6-4) D Micholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS ANOTHER CORAL showed himself to be an improving chaner when driven clear to beat Effast 4f at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). MRSTER POINTS jumping has steadily improved and he completed a troble when making all to defeat Super Trix 71 at Wetherby (2m 50yd, good). DECIDED, a very useful hurdler, came with a strong lete run to win on his chasing debut at Newbury (2m

160y, good) when beating Gulburn's Nephew 21 GOOD TONIC had to be ridden out to land a modest Winder (2m 40yd, good to firm) contest by 1 ½ i from Master Rain. BRANDESTON faces a much tougher to when beating Splitthedifference %1 at hampton (2m, good). ction: ANOTHER CORAL

J Ceborne — D Murphy 84

1.40 BIC LADY SHAVER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,574: 2m 4f) (8

0.4 R Rowe J Caborne .. R Dumwoody ### 27-1872 AUSREWIATION 25 (D.F.GS) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 7-12-0

2029-4P2 NODFORMS DILEMMA 14 (D.F.G.S) (P Stamp) O Sherwood 7-11-7

31417-6 STORMWATCH 16 (D.G.S) (T Whitisy) D Gandotio 7-10-10

22-4561 JAMES MY BOY 7 (D.S) (Mrs R Dickinson) M Dickinson 10-10-8

19-882 ARD THARTCH 22 (B.G) (J Rumble) R Simpson 5-10-4

11PP-89 GALLANT GESTURE 42 (V.G.S) U Short K Morgan 5-10-1

610-006 THE GAELCHARN 7 (S) (Mrs W Tuloch) C Brooks 6-10-0

Long handlogs: The Griffer 9-(G) (T Burrage) M Madgwick 6-10-0 ... G McCourt • 9 H Devies

Long handicep: The Gritter 9-12.

BETTENG: 9-4 James My Boy, 3-1 And Taketch, Nodforms Dilemmiz, 4-1 Abbreviation, 10-1 The eichern, 14-1 Gallent Gesture, 25-1 others. 1989: LYPHENTO 5-11-11 Peter Hobbs (7-1) J Gifford 11 ran

FORM FOCUS ABBREVIATION, a useful hurder last term and reverts to the smaller obstacles after seaming to lose his confidence over fences, jumped deliberately and finished a distant last of the two finishers to Cablic Shot here (2m 4f).

NODFORMS DILEMMA hurned in a creditable effort to be 8f 2nd to Dutch Call at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) with LAMES MY BOY (same herms) a distant 6th.

Solution of 8 to the very smart Forest Sun.

to be 812nd to Dutch Call at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) with JAMES MY BOY (same terms) a distant 6th. Selection: ARD TMATCH Course specialists

R Dumwoody J Osborne G McCourt E Murphy J Frost S Smith Eccles

JOCKEYS Rides 91 29 47 32 20 49 Per cent 19.8 17.2 17.0

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 MRS MUCK (nap). 1.15 Milford Quay. 1.50 Yahoo.

2.20 St Gabriel 250 Sawdust Jack.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.50 Bishops Yarn.

Guide to our in-line racecard

113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 Racecard number. Six-ligure form (F - fell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P-pulled up. U - unsested nder. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Day's since trat outing: F if flat. (B - binkers. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course and winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and

Going: soft

12.45 MANDOR FLEXIBLE DOORS PREMIER LONG DISTANCE HUR-- BBC 1 DLE (Feature race: £9,620: 3m) (7 runners) M. Dwyer 85 ... M Richerta 73

BETTIMO: 2-1 Mrs Muck, 100-30 Trapper John, 9-2 Pertemps Network, 11-2 Auction Law, 12-1 Shile Place, 14-1 Retem, 16-1 Fleet Commander. 1989: OUT OF THE GLOOM 8-11-7 P Scudemore (3-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS IXDAM weakened 3 Out when 18% 5th to Propero at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft) and may not be suited by step up to 3m.

PERTEMPS NETWORK recorded latest of 8 victories as a nowice least season when bearing young Baverd 81 at Newbury (3m 1f, soft). After indifferent apel over fences this season reverted to hurdles in a handicap at Ascot (3m, good), finishing 14%, carrying 12st, 4th to Calabrese.

TRAPPER JOWN creditable runner-up in the Sun Allance Hurdle at Chettenham (2m 4f, soft), beaten

Si by Sayfer's Lad. Then at Liverpool (2m 4f, heavy) beaten 1'si by Morley Street. Encouraging 2'hi 2nd to Naswog at Leopardstown (2m 8f, yleidolig) last time out. AUCTION LAW has shown progressive form in handscaps rals season, comfortably beating General Chryson 6f last time at Kempton (3m, good). MRS seluck beat Mr Gossip 3i in an Ascot handscap (3m, good) on her final start last season. Showed well-being with reappearance 3i 2nd to Royal Athlete on the same course (3m 2f, good to soft) in December.

Course specialists

Selection: MRS MUCK

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M Robinson M Pipa G Batching J J O'Med B McMatton f Lee	TRAINERS Winners Runners 4 8 34 87 5 20 6 29 4 23 3 24	Per cent 50.0 39.1 25.0 20.7 17.4 12.5	P Scudamore R Supple G Bradley M Dwyer	JOCKEYS Winners 36 4 15 20 (Only qualifiers)	Rides 91 12 53 89	Per cent 39.6 33.3 28.3 22.5

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Call 0898 100 123 Calls cost 25p (off peak) and 35p (standard & peak) per minute inc VAT track he was runner-up to Kribensis in the Christmas Hurdle. In that sort of form be

over today's course and dis-The first is the clear sign that his trainer John Edwards's horses are beginning to run into form at long last

not even Bishops Yarn.

ning of December. In each instance I admired his quick-silver jumping and Steve Smith Eccles rides Kadan for the Newmarket trainer Mark Tomkins and FRIDAY: Doncaster, Wincanton,

sible for that double at Market Rasen last Saturday.

While Smith Eccles will also 2.10 BIC RAZOR LANZAROTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£14,960: 2m) (13

G McCourt @ 99 ... M Perrett 81 .. M Pitmen 68 ... R Rope 80

Leeg handleap: Gods Fox 8-13. BETTRIC: 9-4 Oarlc, 11-4 Wonder Man, 4-1 Kaden, 5-1 Vayrue, 6-1 Without A Doubt, 8-1 Out Of Range, 1 Atlast, 12-1 Austhorpe Surset, 14-1 others. 1969: GREY SALUTE 6-10-7 R Durwoody (9-4 fav) J Jenkins 8 ran

FORM FOCUS OSRIC creditable 6!
In the Ladoroke at Lacopardstown (2m, good to yielding): previously excellent 2%! 2nd to Kribensis over course and distance (2m, good).

WONDER MAN made successful reappearance in hendicap over course and distance (good) deteating Persistent 3/1 with AFARKSTOUN (6b better off) 20/1 4th and OUT OF RANGE (6b better off) 8%! dirt.

DEEP SENSATION kept on well when creditable 71 2nd to Moriey Street at Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm).

KADAN continued on the upgrade to complete handicap trable at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm) when defeating Jazetas 2%!.

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2.40 FULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£8,130: 2m 4f) (5 runners) 401 PF/21F2- BRIGHT INTERVALS 339 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Valentina) C Brooks 8-11-10 ... BETTING: 15-8 Kassbetic, 3-1 Weish Oak, 9-2 Bright Intervals, 5-1 One More Knight, 13-2 First Bout. 1989: CUDDY DALE 6-10-12 C O'Dwyer (5-1) G Hubberd 6 ran

3.10 HAMPTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,574: 3m) (7 runners)

FORM FOCUS BRIGHT INTERVALS off the course with leg problems since beating Rock Saint by ¼1 in a wold race at Folkestone (2m 44, good) last February; previously a 301 2nd of 5 to Sprizebrand at Doncaster (2m 44, good to firm). WELSH OAK completed an early season trable when besting Below Zero by 11/H at Stratford (2m 6f, good to firm); itsest had Bambrook Again 8f behind in 3rd when a creditable 10f 2nd to Glever Folly at Chettenham (2m 4f, firm).

KATABATIC continued on the upgrade with a 21 dateat of Royal Cracker at Cheltenham (2m. good to farm)t. Steps up in distance today but is improving and looks the one to best.

FIRST BOUT, a useful novice in 1987, had leg problems last term and ran only once finishing a 35i 6th to Gee-A at Liverpool (2m 41, heavy) in April.

ONE MORE KNIGHT won 4 times in novice company last term. Held every chance when failing 5 out in E last term. Held every chance when falling 5 out in E Galileo's race at Folkestone (2m 4f, good). Selection: KATABATIC (nap)

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STOP TUDOR SUN 25 (P Purdy) B Forsey 8-11-0..... BETTING: 13-8 File Concord, 11-4 Acre Hill, 5-1 Senor Tomes, 13-2 Nicknaver, 16-1 Okaz, 20-1 others. 1989: YAHEEB 5-11-0 G McCourt (2-1 fav) M W Easterby 17 ran

BBC 1 1.15 DAILY MAIL RACECALL CHAMPION HURDLE TRIAL (Feature 1 21- TEL-ECHO 354 (S) (Persemps Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-11 T Morgan 70
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5 1/04-350 PAST GLORIES 7 (CD,S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 7-11-8 J J Quinn 99
6 1/111-4 VALRODIAN 19 (D) (D Semuel) M Robinson 7-11-8 J J White 81
7 81110-3 TREE POPPY 15 (D,BF,S) (Mrs G Rowan-Hamilton) R Lee 7-11-3 B Dowling 75
BETTING: 5-2 Millord Quay, 3-1 Vicario Di Sray, 9-2 Valrodian, 6-1 Tree Poppy, 8-1 Tel-Echo, 10-1 Past race: £9,500: 2m) (7 runners)

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FORM FOCUS TEL-ECHO comfortably beat Brabazon after beating Protection 1 1/1 at Chetterham (2m, 20) in a listed novices burdle at Leicester (2m 4f, soft) on last seeson.

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1.50 PETER MARSH STEEPLE CHASE (Limited handicap: feature race: BBO 1.4 £15,310: 3m) (6 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Bishops Yam, 7-2 Nick The Brief. 4-1 Yahoo, 5-1 Rusch De Farges, 7-1 Docton House, 1989: BISHOPS YARN 10-10-12 R Guest (13-2) G Balding 4 ran

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2.50 RACECALL NOVICES CHASE (52,846: 2m) (9 runners) 1 SF6F-11 ROMAN DART 28 (D,Q.5) (Mrs M Barker) M Scudamore 6-12-0 P Seudamore 2 23125-1 SAWDUST JACK 17 (CD,S) (S Brawer) M W Easterby 8-11-10 G Bradley 3 069-004 SRADWALL 12 (CD,S) (G Barkew) G Berlow 6-11-6 R Guest 4 040/22-4 FISHERMAN'S TALE 84 (H Joel) A Turnek 7-11-6 B Dowling 6 0000-FP GAELIC CHERRY 74 (D) (Duchess of Westmarster) R Francis 7-11-6 B Dowling 6 0000-FP GAELIC CHERRY 74 (D) (Duchess of Westmarster) R Francis 7-11-6 T Morgan 2 00/3325 RAIN MARK 8 (Mrs J Turner) J Turner 9-11-5 B Dowling 6 6-P063 WILLOWESQ 17 (Mrs A Evans) D Williams 7-11-6 B Docan (7) SETTIMO 7-6 Sawdust Jack 100-24 Sernan Dart 4-1 Bradwall 7-4 Fusco Bow. 16-1 Fishermans 7 B Dowling @ 99

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BETTING: 7-4 Sawdust Jack, 100-30 Roman Dart, 4-1 Bradwall, 7-1 Fuego Boy, 16-1 Fishermans Tale, 20-1 Just A Half, 25-1 others. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 3.20 GARSWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,733: 2m) (7 runners)

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18 3-63 FURCEN HELL 16 (R.G.S.) J King 11-10-0. B Powell
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TRAVEL امکنا من الاصل Fast-forward to a new frontier

t was one of those invitations — like being asked before the funeral of a distant relative, "Would you care to view him?" - that inspire dread vet which cannot be decently refused: the Romanians said would we please take the first plane to their country to see the eafe and pleasant land it had

This seemed cerie. Romania the last domino in the re-shaping of Europe, had gone down in December with the bloodiest consequences. Too soon, surely, to be at home to gawpers. Yet the invitation was a direct order of a charismatic figure of their revolution, Mihai Lupoiu, the young captain who on television had persuaded the army to join the

This soldier's reward had been to be created Minister of Tourism. At once he declared that Romania's best, quick chance of hard currency to rebuild itself was from tomism — and by the way, he told hotel staffs, they had better stop holding their endless meetings and begin polishing up both the silverwere and their acts.

The journey, to test the welcome he said was already being readied, was horrific. It took 12 hours to Bucharest, with mapologized-for diversions to Timisoara and Constanza. There was time on that squalid journey to observe Romania's old regime and attitudes still functioning. One of the delays was two hours at Brussels, much of it waiting, apparently, for four apparatchiks returning from a mission. Once they had been bowed into their seats, the plane left. It was a oneclass aircraft, yet only for them were drinks brought from a bar. In glasses. The rest waited for minerals, in plastic. Only for them was coffee proferred in china cups. No hot drink, in anything, for the rest of us during the 14 hours we were

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We trudged into Poiana Brasov, Romania's best ski resort, at dawn. Its bright hotels stood like lighthouses after the 10-watt gloom of the country we had traversed; inside, all was moquette and marble - the modish Fifties

It soon became easy to see why we had been asked. Last year 12,000 Britons had helped contribute to the resort's earnings of \$4 million. On one December day 50 per cent of this year's bookings cancelled. No one knew whether the rest would appear until people like the reps in our party reported back on whether

Less than a month after the revolution that toppled Ceausescu, Brian James was invited to inspect the tourist attractions of the new Romania

the Poiana Brasov hotels were undamaged (they were), or whether its hospitals, full of the bullet-wounded, could cope also with ski-sprains (they are hideously ill-equipped for major opcrations, but simple fractures will be properly and willingly treated). A few days earlier, Lupiou arrived in the resort without warning and inspired a mass meeting of staff with an enthusias-

tic: "You are the experts. Say what must be done. I will get you what you need. Meanwhile make the world welcome." Return visitors were astounded by the change. Staff and ski-guides, reserved a month ago on any subject save menus or snow prospects, now talked vives. torted lives.

Skiing Brasov's slopes is soon to know that this is a good basic resort for the less ambitious: the Carpathians, like the Alps, need more snow. But piste rocks were easier to avoid than jarring collisions with the Romania of old.

There was an example in a horse-sled excursion to a model farm, there to plunge one's own kebab into an outdoor fire as the first of three courses in a meal of grossest proportions. As all the farm's production is for consumption by foreigners only, now we understood why a ski guide had whispered: "This is an island. Heat, light, food. That's why in the old days the villagers looked up at the lights and spat." We understood better the next day after talking to civic leaders in Brasov: it was clear that we had each probably left on our platters more meat than a Romanian family would see to last a month. There was an example in a

weird interview with a ski-guide who shouted from one T-bar tow to the next: "No Securitate here now. If they didn't fight we let them free. But now they must work, no more privileges for that scum." This condemnation for the keepers of the old regime was mild compared with many on offer everywhere in the resort. Yet the feeling not far distant when listening to the protests of well-fed men was: how exactly had they kept their jobs? Next, we were herded to see a

video about the resort's attractions. Our party was ushered into an expensive-looking restaurant where Romanians were paying for the odd pleasure of dining while watching an old dubbed Phil Silvers comedy. Without warning or apology their film was halted in mid joke, and the screen taken over by a video in an incomprehensible language. While we squirmed, the Romanians sat uncomplaining until our video finished and, again without a word, we filled out.

But a willingness to change is apparent. Mihai Dimitriu, man-ager of the Hotel Ciucas, spoke easily about his bugged rooms. Yes, we had four. These I knew about, because Securitate would make us give them to anyone like you...journalists, businessmen, anyone who appeared to have contacts with Romanians. But they probably bugged more rooms without telling me, just as they bugged my office."

He was willing to point out the file for written reports under Law 23: any hotel employee who held a conversation with a foreigner on any subject "beyond that necessary to his duties" had to detail what was said within 24 hours. "But not all did so. Maybe 75 per cent would not be informers. Unless they were forced."

imitriu was more incensed by the State Cook Book. This fourinch tome had to be followed to the tiniest detail by every hotel and case in the country: forms had to be completed certifying that so many grams of cheese per steak were llocated when serving it cordon bleu, "Regional dishes? Impossible. Illegal! Do you think any chef in the world could take pride in working such a kitchen?"

llie Moraru, general manager of the ministry's foreign department, drove from Bucharest to say all this was changed forever. Ski slopes were to be extended. They are sending to the West for more food and furnishing for hotels, and re-training the staff. They are to modernize the stupefyingly awful Tarom, the state airline. Romamians are to be encouraged to make their homes guesthouses;

this in a country where a month ago it was risky to let foreigners cross the threshhold and illegal to let them stay the night even in a blizzard. More contentious is a plan to charge Western sportsmen \$25,000 to call one of the bears that infest the forest or the packs of wild boars that can ruin a peasant's annual crop in a night.

If only a fraction of this comes to pass then very much more than just the map of eastern Europe will have changed: disappearing fast is a bourn from which no traveller returned unmarked.

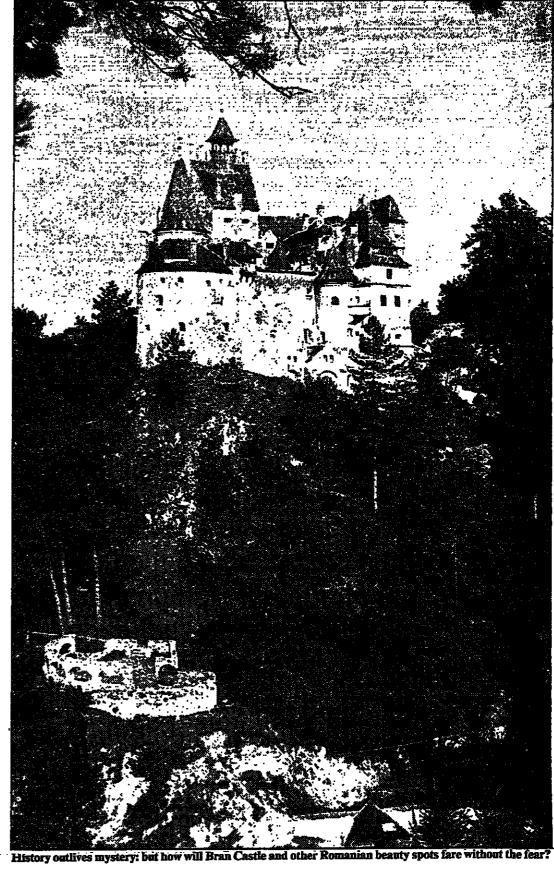
After 30 years of fitful journeying into the candle-power gloom behind where the Iron Curtain once stood, I can recognize that the fascination of this wandering always had its root in fear. You expected to be followed, spied upon, tempted toward indiscretion. And were. But mingled with the nerves always was an unworthy glow about the clear superiority of our own faulted society, and a sort of prisonvisiting smugness that they had brought much of this misery on

themselves.

If we take away the mystery, then will reasons remain to want to visit Romania, besides its obvious natural beauty? It is still hugely inexpensive (50p a beer, £2 a bottle of wine) and becomes hudicrously so if money is changed on the black market at 10 times the official rate. (A nice ethical question here: until now such deals could be explained as cheeky defiance of the regime. How now to justify undermining the economy of Europe's poorest people to get a beer for 5p, a doll for 25p?)
But set aside the matter of price. If the old Eastern bloc is to lose its

delicious sense of mild jeopardy, then a new sort of adventure is waiting to be met. The whole of rapidly opening eastern Europe, from East Germany's Baltic coast to the distinct tribal lands of the Balkans, has a fascinating history marked in its fabric and a people with tales to tell. Being among them in the com-

ing years will be to observe heldback cultures unfolding as they see and seize opportunity, it will be like watching changes in our own society (the good and the bad: better feeding and worse manners) being re-played at fast-forward speed. Lands like Romania, innocent if often crude, warm and not yet knowing enough to be cynical, are what travel ought to be about. Not necessarily convenient, sel-dom comfortable and never familiar, for the tourist they form suddenly a new frontier.



Fall and fall of flying costs

Some air fares are lower today than they were 10 years ago. Travellers have benefited most where competition has been fiercest, and transatiantic passengers have come out best of all. As a result of recurring price wars, ticket prices have conquered inflation: this winter an Advance Purchase Excursion

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Atlantic, while bucket shops charge around £250 round-trip for London/New York

> well on other long distance routes. Anyone flying to Sydney this month must pay £1,140 return, compared with £716 at the same time 10 years ago. And today's Johannesburg-bound passenger has to pay up to £1,008 for a PEX excursion - more than double the price of late 1979/early

rises have been comparably erratic. As the chart demonstrates, passengers flying to Dublin, Frankfurt, Stock-holm, and Zurich fare well; those flying to Amsterdam, Glasgow and Paris not so well; while Rome-bound travellers have seen their APEX tickets

Where fares have risen, less restrictive booking conditions may be some compensation. Ten years ago, London/ Johannesburg APEX fare passengers had to firm up their travel dates at least three months ahead and would have been severely penalized if flight dates had to be changed. Today's PEX fare on this route can be bought any time before travel, and cancellation/amendment fees are modest by comparison.

A decade ago, Australiabound passengers had to book APEX tickets to Sydney at least 45 days ahead and stopovers were not allowed on the 28 hour-plus journey. The current crop of Down Under excursions is flexible: book when you like, change flights/ dates without penalty, and

choose from a wide range of stopovers.

Greater competition has

meant better service, at least on some routes. In 1979/80, British Airways passengers flying the Anglo-Scottish Shuttle routes could not even get a glass of water in-flight. Nowadays (thanks to competition from British Midland) BA Shuttle passengers can tuck into three-course meals with free drinks. The voluminous Heathrow-Paris route is another example. Until a few years ago, BA and Air France provided zero service inflight. Now, thanks to im-proved levels of service being offered by other carriers, both BA and Air France hand out snacks and, in the case of Air France, free drinks.

Many long-haul flights are faster, and it's not all thanks to Concorde. Glasnost in the Soviet Union has encouraged the Russians to open up their air corridors (these were previously out of bounds) to western airlines, which re-sulted in more direct flight routings between Europe, Asia and Australia. As a result, flight times have fallen. London to Peking (via Copenhagen with SAS or via Helsinki with Finnair) can now take as little as il hours and 30 minutes - roughly the same time as a flight to Los Angeles. While non-stop Tokyo flights take 12 hours, which is five hours faster than before, Sydney now takes 21 hours. Ten years ago, London/Sydney flights touched down three or four times en route, which ex-

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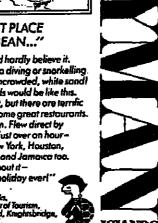
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shed his fat-boy image to

become the Golden Bear

all America loves, is 50 years old

He has repelled one young

pretender after another during a noble career but now the days of

parrying the thrusts of Tom

Weiskopf, Johnny Miller, Tom Watson and Severiano Ballesteros

are all but over. Next weekend he will be reminded of how it all began

as once again he strides the fairways with Arnold Palmer, Gary

Player and Lee Trevino, in the

Senior Skins tournament in

The difference is not so much

that they are now all "seniors" but

that Nicklaus does not start at something of a disadvantage, as he

did in 1962, when he first won as a

professional. Then he plunged into the professional pool and, not

surprisingly, confronted a tidal

wave of resentment because he had

the temerity to challenge and conquer Palmer, the idol of the

speciators. Of course, he went on to

Nicklaus is recognized as the

achieve so much more than that.

finest golfer in the history of the

game. In 1988 he was officially

named "Golfer of the Century"

following a remarkable career of

which the highlights are six wins in the Masters, five in the US PGA

Championship, four in the US Open, three in the Open Champ-ionship and two in the US Amateur

"The Nicklaus record? You can

forget anyone ever beating that,"

Gene Sarazen, aged 87, one of only

four players to have won the four

major championships that com-prise the professional grand slam, said. "Nobody will ever come close

to his 20 championships. It's the

last April. He was standing on the

veranda of the colonial clubhouse

and as he spoke so he surveyed the

scene below him. "Look at them,"

Sarazen said. "College-bred, smart

as a whip, most of them mil-

lionaires and soon-to-be mil-

lionaires. So many that no one man

among them will be able to take

charge and win those big titles in

clusters. This is a new era we're

The Nicklaus era began when he turned professional late in 1961.

He possessed the amateur pedigree

to be hailed a future champion, but

failed to look the part. Palmer was perceived by his devoted admirers

to have more charisma in his little

finger than Nicklaus had in the

podgy figure which promoted the taunting cries of "Fat Jack."

What lit the blue touch paper of abuse against Nicklaus was the

unhappy coincidence that in 1962

he played his first US Open as a

professional in the heart of Palmer

country at the Oakmont Country

ionship unfold well remember how

many, who hero-worshipped

Palmer, reacted to Nicklaus win-

ning what would be the first of his

18 major professional champion-

ships. "The gallery were rude, loud

Sarazen was speaking at Augusta

safest record in sports."

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Golf Correspondent Mitchell Platts marks a turning point in the life of the greatest player the game has seen

An American legend changes course

national rowing.

Di Ellis, chairman of the executive committee, is not prepared to reveal the can-didates for the posts, although it is already known that Chuter will be among those in conten-tion for performance director, together with "someone from overseas". An announcement of is expected some time next week

CYCLING

Runner-up position beckons

By a Special Correspondent Britain's Andy Layne and John' Pemberton had both hoped to finishsecond in the European Junior Challenge cyclo cross-series, but only Pemberton can do anything about it in the final race at Nantes, in France,

Pemberton, Coureurs, is still a junior and is third in the European Challenge.

national outing.
Steve Barnes, of Ace RT, whose silver medal in the recent open national championship split three professionals, is the man on form for Britain.

Favourite of the gallery: Jack Nicklaus, acknowledging the crowd at St Andrews, is far removed from the intense, unsmiling player he once was

recalls, "Until 1962 yelling 'miss it' when a golfer was trying to hole a putt was unheard of. You heard it at Oakmont. Most of the remarks were directed against Nicklaus. They cheered when he hit it into a bunker, they coaxed his ball into rough and if they could have found a way to throw his clubs onto the Pennsylvania Turnpike they probably would have. The gallery on the last day was certainly among the most ill-behaved ever." So Nicklaus faced a problem of

and offensive," Mark McCormack

Born: Columbus, Ohio, Jan 21,

number of major championships — US Masters (1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986), US PGA (1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1980), US Open (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980), Open championship (1966, 1970, 1978), US PGA player of the year 1967, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976.

Career earnings: \$5,005,825.

number of major championships

Married: Barbara Bash, five

Turned professional joined US Tour 1962.

Career details: US Arr champion 1959, 1961; NCAA champion 1961. Won a record

personality more than an examination of his ability. He was fat. He did not hitch-up his pants and give the ball a rip like Palmer. His iceberg-blue eyes were mean and gave not the hint of emotion. He was indeed, borrowing a line from Henley, "the master of his fate, the aptain of his soul."

McCormack had cajoled Nicklaus into turning his back on a \$24,000-a-year job in the insurance business with the promise that he would make a minimum of \$100,000 in his first season. Victory in the US Open meant that McCormack's predicted figure represented nothing more than small change ot that turning pro-

fessional did not leave its scars. Nicklaus, the son of a pharmacist, has one regret. When he left the amateur ranks the dean of Ohio State University informed him that he would need to drop out of college. "He said he didn't want a registered student being publicized as playing all over the world," Nicklaus said. "It was a decision I disagreed with and fought bitterly. It's the only thing in my life that I've ever started and didn't finish." Most certainly Nicklaus has met

head-on and won every challenge he has confronted during his illustrious career, supported every inch of the way by Barbara Bash who, like Nicklaus, was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. They met during their freshman year at Ohio State and married three years later, when both were only 20.

"I told Jack from the start, even though he was so hurt by the reaction to his US Open win in 1962, that he was so honest and would work it out," Barbara Nicklaus said. "I knew he had the confidence and I knew he could concentrate on something and shut out all extraneous thoughts like no one I'd ever known.

"In fact, I called him 'Stonewall'. If he was watching television, and was especially interested by a programme, then the house could burn down around him and he wouldn't notice." Nicklaus, however, could be arrogant and, at times, abrasive, which helped t was there, at the home of when it came to winning championships, but did little to

Yet despite his air of Teutonic stoicism and his unrelenting search for perfection, there was a more sensitive side to Nicklaus that craved acceptance as a human being as well a great golfer. The majesty of his game would,

win the admiration of the

of course, eventually help him achieve his aims, although Nicklaus would be the first to pay tribute to Jack Grout, the teacher with whom he worked from the age of 10. Grout died last May, so for Nicklaus there was a poignant start to this year. "My first action each New Year was to track down Jack then greet him with the same old line: 'OK Jack, let's go. Teach me golf all over again."

This philosophy — that a full review of the fundamentals was always necessary, even when he was playing the greatest golf of his life - provides evidence enough that Nicklaus never lost sight of the need to overhaul his swing.

What best illustrates his tunnel vision, apart from being able to take a course like Augusta and rip it to shreds, is the way he changed his appearance in 1969. He lost almost two stones in weight in five weeks and reduced his hip measurement by no less than eight inches. He

grew his hair and the era of the Golden Bear truly dawned. By then he had won seven major professionals championships and be came to Britain in 1970 with his new look and won the Open at St

golf, that Nicklaus buried the image of being an unwanted predator in Palmer's domain. The act of removing his sweater prior to becoming the first known player to drive through the green at the 18th, as he beat Doug Sanders in the play-off, marks the moment of change. The way he greeted success by leaping in the air and hurling his putter skywards gave a lie to the theory that he lacked emotion.

Nicklaus was now 30. He was unquestionably the best golfer in the world, and yet his best was yet to come. He had begun the 1970s having not won a major champ-ionship since the US Open in 1967. He won another seven majors in the next 10 years and yet he approached the 1980s as he had the 1970s, with speculation rife about his future. He had failed to win in 1979. Now he considered what lay ahead as he unwrapped the birth-day present from his children: a Tshirt on which was inscribed "Jack Nicklaus is 40".

It was then that Nicklaus was man enough to accept that the cornerstone of his game - power was a thing of the past. He modified his swing to make allowances for anno Domini and he won the US Open in 1980. Afterwards. at Baltusrol, there was no stopping Nicklaus as he sat talking for three

hours. "I should probably retire now, but I haven't got the sense," he mused.

Two months later he had won the US PGA title. Three years later, at Augusta, he was rendered helpless by a severe muscle spasm across the lumbar region. He lay in agony for hours in the locker room. Back trouble has plagued Nicklaus throughout his life and X-rays have shown a degeneration of the discs in his lower spine. Yet, back at Augusta in 1986,

Nicklaus had cause to reflect on whether instant retirement was an option once again. He had played the inward half in 30 strokes, which tied the record, on his way to a final round of 65 as he won his sixth Masters, which earned him probably the most emotional reception It was an astonishing win for

many reasons, not least of which was that he had long since elected not to make playing the most important thing in his life.

"I get a big kick and a lot of pleasure out of designing courses,"

he said. He also gets a lot of money. The basic charge for a Nicklaus design ranges from \$1 million in the United States to \$2 million in Japan. In Britain his first venture was St Mellion, in Cornwall, and he is presently involved in a new course for Gleneagles. What one might suspect would concern Nicklaus, and yet does not, is the thought that, unlike his playing record, his courses could be disfigured by others.

fooling around with Shoal Creek, where the US PGA is being played in August, That's all right — I can't do everything perfect. I make mistakes. Sometimes I get carried

Now, at the start of the 1990s, Nicklaus has a new target. "I want to win a tournament on each Tour - the regular and the Seniors," he said. "It's the first goal I've set myself in 10 years. The Seniors Tour is growing bigger and bigger and I feel I owe it to the game itself, to the sponsors and to the public to keep playing as long as I can. I see it as my duty." Nicklaus, of course, owes the game not a tee peg. It is the game

should be indebted to him. Barbara Nicklaus sums it up succinctly. "I simply cannot imagine Jack "People will come along and tamper with them," he said. "They are doing that already; they've been than anything in the world."

Wheelers, qualified as a junior last year in the first three rounds and holds second place overall. But now he is a senior and stays at home, while Britain's ama-teur teams selected for the World Championships in Spain on February 3-4 have their final chance to meet their likely

if he can get in the first five at Nantes he will beat Layhe to second place, with Jerome Chiatti, of France, unbeatable as he won the first three events. Nicklaus, of course, owes the game not a tee peg. It is the game that he has so enriched which should be independent to the course, owes the Richard Thackray, of Bradford Olympic, and Christ Perry, of Chesterfield, support

FISHING: A SASSENACH TAKES THE HONOURS AS THE NEW SALMON SEASON BEGINS IN SCOTLAND

Unique lure of opening day

By Conrad Voss Bark

There is nothing quite like the opening day of a new salmon season after the abstinence of winter. The Scots are especially days, for they have them earlier than anyone else. They go on fishing longer — November on the Tweed is often the highlight of the season — and no sooner is that over then, in a matter of weeks, they are out on the river the rocks, and snowdrifts 10 and 20 feet deep. They failed to come back when they should have done because they were all in hospital. Four of them had frostbite, a fifth broke his leg on There was a rumour once that

There was a rumour once that scientists did not approve of a short close season, for it hardly gave the fish much of a chance to spawn before being harried with lines and spinners whirling about their heads. However, the Scots, a practical race, ignored all that and insisted on the traditional reopening of the season as soon as they had recovered from the rigours of

The only trouble is that opening day, which on the Tay is January 15, almost invariably coincides with the worst of was followed. The piners piped. the drinkers drank, the pro-cessions were led to the river bank and the first casts made. Scottish weather. There was the There is nothing like the first classic case, which you may remember, of the six salmon cast on an opening day. It seems to be an extreme achievement, like climbing Everest, though of fishermen from London who went up to the Tay for an opening day, found the river full of grue, ice on the rings, ice on the rocks, and snowdrifts 10 and 20. course without any notice result except that the river is there and the fly is in the water.

there and the fly is in the water.

The winner of this year's opening day competition from the Kenmore Hotel, on Tayside, a great place for a celebration, was a Sassenach, a fisherman from Oxfordshire, Nick Balley.

To begin with, he dutifully tried a fly, a big Willie Gunn, which produced nothing more exciting than a kelt. After that he put up a bait rod and a Kynoch the ice and the sixth, who was the only one to take a fish, suffered a heart attack from the This year however, there were no casualties, so far as I know, for the river was running well and for a large part of the time it was raining and mild. Tradition put up a bait rod and a Kynoch Killer and took two fish, one of 18lb and another of 1812lb, and went back to the Kenmore feeling, he said, "very lucky".

Welsh champions are backed by Japanese

By Jack Crossley be different. A Japanese tackle

They sing very nicely, play a tidy game of rugby and produce the odd world-class snooker player. But it is in none of these fields that the Welsh are among the hot favourites to win the World Cup in 1990.

What the Welsh are world

champions at is angling. Unsponsored, unsung and un-known, they went to Bulgaria in 1989, beat teams from 25 nations and returned home with the world title and prize-money totalling not one penny. The Welsh squad of seven — a window cleaner, a hairdresser,

three factory workers and two chaps in the fishing tackle trade - saved up between £1,000 and £2.000 each and fished the championship on waters totally strange to them. The 1990 championships will

firm is sponsoring the same Welsh squad to the tune of £30,000 and in April a scouting party will reconnoitre the match venue, a two-mile stretch of the River Drava in the university town of Maribor, Yugoslavia. The Japanese sponsors are Shimano, who happily admit to making probably the most expensive fishing tackle in the world. Their head man in the United Kingdom is a Welshman, John Loftus, who says:
"What I'm pleased about is that
we were able to agree in principle to back the Welsh team

before they won the world title. "Now their chances are im-proved because they can afford proved because they can afford to get some practice in on the River Drava. That's going to put them on more equal footing."

Speaking from Bucharest, lish a specialized high school for the sport, on the lines of similar schools already founded for the arts. The school, in Onesti, was

New era dawns in Romania By Peter Aykroyd

Following the revolution in Romania, the country's gymnasts will be able to compete freely in all important events this year, according to Maria Simeonescu, the distinguished Romanian international judge, who is the vice-president of the women's technical committee of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique, the world

governing body.
Only a month ago, a reprefederation, speaking in London, contended that the defection to the United States of Nadia Comaneci meant that the regime would probably not allow entry into important events abroad before the 1991 world championships in Minneapolis, Now, everything has changed,

date of packaging

the Treaty of Rome.

15 of Regulation No 2772/75 on

the fundamental right of con-

sumers to information and to

The Tribunal de Police (Local

Criminal Court), Rethel, Ardennes, France, stayed its

proceedings and referred a ques-

tion on the interpretation of

article 15 to the Court of Justice

of the European Communities

In its judgment the European

for a preliminary ruling.

She thanked friends in international gymnastics for their support through difficult times, and was optimistic that a Roma-nia team would take part in the Champions All tournament at Birmingham in March, Romanian gymnasts will defi-

is now continuing as normal."

nitely compete in the European championships, scheduled for Lausanne (men) and Athens (women) in May, when they will resume their traditional rivalry with the Soviet Union. Simeonescu, known univer-sally as Mili, was coach to the

Romanian women's team at the Olympic Games, After become ing administrative head of women's gymnastics, she per-suaded the government to estab-

where Comanect was trained to dominate world gymnastics in the 1970s.

Up to now, gymnastic talent in Romania has been nurtured in much the same way as in the rest of Eastern Europe. Elite gymnasts — they can be picked out at the age of six — reach the national squads through the country's sports schools and, of

course, success in competition. Training at this level has been under strict bureaucratic control

one of the factors which ied to
Comaneci, in her role as national junior women's coach, making her decision to defect. It is understood that her repeated requests for changes were

The new era in Romanian evmnastics will allow a more relaxed approach to national training. But the aim remains nia's position as a world leader.

Luxembourg

Law Report January 20 1990

Justices warned not to be gullible His Lordship would be pre-

Before Lord Justice Watkins

and Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment January 18] Justices had to be careful not to

be so gullible as to accept as a defence the argument that a defendant was too stressed following a motor accident to provide a specimen of breath. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allow-

ing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated against the de-

cision of Totton Justices who

found that the defendant, Mich-

ael John Eddowes, had not

Northampton County Council

Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, as he had been in a situation of stress following a traffic accident. Mr William Mousley for the prosecutor: Mr Godfree Browne for the defendant.

specimens of breath, contrary to

section 8(7) of the Road Traffic

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that in the case stated there was a recital of the evidence provided by a police constable and by the defendant. That was most undesirable and

Oral disclaimer is insufficient

The Divisional Court was required to be presented with a series of findings of fact from which it answered a point or points of law.
It was quite impossible to deduce which facts had been

found by the justices but what appeared to be in the minds of the justices was that they accepted the defendant, after a first successful attempt to provide a specimen, failed to provide further specimens and that he had a reasonable excuse for not so doing despite the fact that there was no evidence to show mental or physical

pared to say that the observa-tions made in Cotgrove v Cooney ([1987] RTR 124) should not be followed and that the court should be guided by R v Lennard ([1973] RTR 252) but, in any event, the instant circumstances It seemed to his Lordship that

in the instant case the justices were in no position to broach the question whether a reason able excuse had been provided for failing to provide a specimen as no excuse whatsoever had been given. Many motorists had to give

specimens after being involved in accidents and if a state of stress following an accident provided an automatic reasonable excuse the whole purpose of the Act would be defeated. Justices had to be careful not to be so gullible.

Solicitors: CPS, Eastleigh; Moore & Blatch, Totton.

Correction

January 5) the judge appealed from at Isleworth Crown Court

European Law Report

Date stamps on eggs unlawful and did not include the date of puted regulation. According to

Ministère Public v Paris

(Opinion September 26, 1989)

[Judgment December 13] One of the purposes of the regulation on marketing standards for eggs was to ensure that consumers were provided with accurate information and for that purpose the regulation set out exhaustively the informa-tion which might be marked on eggs, which information did not include the date upon which the egg had been laid.

Mr Jean-Jacques Paris had been prosecuted for having offered for sale fresh eggs upon whose shells he had marked the date of laying, contrary to articles 11 and 15 of Regulation

That regulation laid down the marketing standards for eggs which were regarded as neccesary to improve their quality and to facilitate distribution, in the interest of producers,

Court of Justice ruled as follows: The wording of article 15 left no doubt as to the prohibition

which it imposed upon operators in the egg market not to put the date of laying on eggs which they distributed; moreover that interpretation was not disputed either in the written observations or at the hearing.

to the Court as relating, in substance, to the validity of article 15.

It was therefore necessary to consider the question submitted

the date of packaging. The provision of information

laying; it was, however, permissible to indicate the period or Without disputing the facts alleged against him, Mr Paris challenged the validity of article different categories of quality and weight and that require-ment might be satisfied by applying marks to the eggs. the basis that it was contrary to

> therefore that it should be easy for the national authorities to According to the Commission it was not practicable to carry

out checks at the production level, which would be essential in order to guarantee the accuracy of the date of laying, by

opinion that only the present accuracy of information pro-vided to the consumers such as

Taking into account the

its preamble, consumers were to have the possibility of different categories of productistinguishing eggs according to ers. it did not appear that, in their overall assessment of the situation and from the nature of the measures required, that the institutions had committed manifest errors or that they had, in one way or another, exceeded the general limits of their discretionary powers.

Article 40(3)(2) of the Treaty, which prohibited any discrimination between producers or consumers in the Community, sought to ensure that competitive conditions were the same for all the operators concerned.

By establishing common standards for the distribution of eggs in the Community territory, the disputed regulation was in conformity with that objective.

On those grounds the European Court (First Chamber) ruled as follows:

Consideration of the question raised had disclosed no factor of such a kind as to affect the validity of article 15 of Regula: tion No 2772/75 of the Council of October 19, 1975 of marketmuch as it contained a pro-hibition on marking eggs with dates, such as the date of laying, other than those provided for ia

A salesman, who exposed for sale watches bearing false designer brand names without, at the same time, displaying any disclaimer to indicate that they false, could not rely on an

oral disclaimer, given to customers who inquired about the price, to nullify the false trade Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill) so

held on January 18 in allowing

an appeal by Northampton

County Council against a de-cision of Northampton Justices to dismiss informations alleging that David Leslie Fuell had offered to supply goods to which false trade descriptions had been applied, contrary to section 111(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 on the ground that he had established the defence under section 24 of the

MR JUSTICE PILL said that there was no doubt that the goods bore false trade descriptions and were exposed for sale without there being any sugges-

An oral description to any inquirer did not nullify the false trade description. The offence was committed when the goods were exposed for supply and at that stage at the least a written disclaimer was necessary. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF.

tion that the descriptions were

agreeing, said that it would contravene the whole intent and urpose of the section if it was Open to a trader to expose for sale goods bearing a false trade description and then make a disclaimer when someone approached to buy the goods.

In R v Phillipson (The Times was Judge Marcus Edwards, not Judge Quentin Edwards, QC.

Mr Justice Nolan agreed.

Eggs shall not bear any marks other than those provided for in the present regulations". The marks which might be applied to eggs were set out at article 11

Before Sir Gordon Slynn, President of the First Chamber, and Judges R. Joliet, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias Advocate General G. Gessauro

No 2772/75 of the Council of October 29, 1975 on marketing standards for eggs (OJ No L 282,

traders and consumers. By article 15 of the regulation:

to consumers was one of the objectives pursued by the dis-

It was important that the information provided to the consumer was reliable and

reason of the dispersion of It was for that reason that both the Commission and the Council experts were of the

system, which was based upon checks carried out mainly in packaging centres, which were less numerous and less dis-persed than producers' establishments, made it possible to guarantee with certainty the

necessity of reconciling both the interests of producers and those

seriously

away along with the excess pounds

man I met outside the

weighing room at Ragdale Hall gave me

the good news about health farms. No one

who goes there is fat; perish the thought. The big reason for visit-

at least a stone overweight, quite

unfit, and puffing a bit on the stairs; but I soon realized that I was indeed under stress, mostly about what to wear during my

stay. Should I spend the day in a

dressing gown, I wondered, or flit

about the treatment rooms in my

newly bought tracksuit? Once I

had settled for the tracksuit, which

is the unisex rig-of-the-day at most health farms, I felt a whole lot

better, almost stress-free, in fact.
Set in a large country house close to Melton Mowbray in

Leicestershire, Ragdale Hall con-

centrates on relaxation, diets and

individually designed fitness pro-

grammes. The food is good and so

adjusted that you can eat like a horse and still not exceed 850

calories a day. With that, some

exercise and a few treatments, I

was melting away within hours, and my three-day stay passed quite pleasantly. I lost half a stone and left determined to try again.

Health farms vary in their

approach to health and fitness, but

the basic ingredients are much the

same. Generally set in country

houses surrounded by large grounds, they offer all the com-

forts of a five-star hotel, usually at

To the basic cost, which covers

accommodation, meals, a range of

treatments and free use of all the

facilities, one must add the cost of

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unforts: the food may be minimalist and alcohol non-existent, but the key to bealth farm living is luxury. Swimming at Rogdale Haff

coming winter is a weekend skifitness programme, which runs through to the middle of February. Champneys also offers day programmes, with massage and other treatments, at prices from £79.95, while rates for longer stays vary from £105 to £500 a night according to the accommodation

Grayshott Hall near Hindhead in Surrey offers the full range of health farm activities, plus a particular programme to cope with stress, designed for Grayshott by psychologist Dr Audrey Livingstone. This programme, price £30, takes place in the afternoon, leaving the guests free to enjoy all the other activities in the morning and evening. There is a huge indoor pool, a dance studio, physiotherapy, osteopathy and chiropody, swimming lessons, golf and tennis coaching and two dining-rooms, one for dietfollowers, the other for foodlovers. Neither room serves alcohol. Room rates at Grayshott vary from £75 to £100 per day. Like most health farms,

Shrablands occupies a former country house, in this case Shrublands Hall, built in 1740 on one of the highest hills in Suffolk and still surrounded by a classical English garden. The interior furnishings are on a lavish scale and the food is excellent but never cooked. Salads, raw fruit, homemade yoghurt and wholewheat bread make up the Shrubland diet. Treatments available include underwater massage, sauna. hydrotherapy and instruction on relaxation techniques. Weekly prices start at £290 for a single room and £325 for a double room.

orest Mere, near Liphook in Hampshire, believes in a serious, even strict, regimen. At most health farms, the guests can take a full part in activities or drift along gently on their own, but at Forest Mere they are expected to avoid business and social ties, stay off the telephone, stop or reduce smoking, refrain from alcohol altogether and take some exercise. This sounds like my kind of place. Crash diets are not recommended,

but most guests start on the light diet to get their gorging under control before returning to a more normal diet before leaving. Bicycles are available for excursions into the countryside, and there are a number of good golf courses in the vicinity. Basic prices start at £515 for one week.

Cedar Falls in Somerset is a place which believes in relaxation and tranquillity — up to a point. Diets are prepared individually and then taken one day at a time, with a nutritional adviser at your breakfast table every morning to plan the intake for the day. Otherwise the emphasis here is on. reducing tension, increasing fitness and getting away from the hurly-burly of daily life. There is the usual range of treatments, plus golf, fishing, riding and walking in the beautiful Quantock Hills. Cedar Falls tends to be less expensive than other health farms, at prices from £54 to £115 per night for a single room, though guests are expected to stay for seven nights.

Ragdale Hall concentrates on diet and beauty, so your first appointment here is with the dietician, and a beauty treatments office is open seven days a week, from 7.30am until 8pm. There is a sports coach on hand to arrange fitness programmes in the gym or exercise room, and smoking is strictly forbidden except in the smokers' lounge. I found this crowded. Diets are restricted to a steady 850 calories a day, and there is a full range of treatments and facilities, including an assault course. Ragdale Hall prices start at £71.50 per person per night in a twin room, rising to £130 per

person in a suite.

Henlew Grange has a pleasantly related approach to health and fitness, with the rare word "holiday" appearing frequently in its brochure. Set in the Bedfordshire countryside, just 40 miles north-east of London, Henlow offers a notably wide range of sporting activities: cycling, table tennis, swimming, that daily jog, walking, exercise classes. Fortunately, there is also good food, pleasant company, and all the usual comforts. Prices for a one-week stay start at £62.50 per night, which includes a good range of massages and

treatments, plus a total fitness and relaxation programme, Everyone arriving at the inglewood Health Hydro in the Berkshire Downs gets a comprehensive, individually prescribed regimen covering diet, exercise and treatments for the duration of the stay. Medical consultants and gym instructors are on hand with special classes on subjects such as how to stop smoking, which are all part of the daily round. Keen slimmers can start their stay with a 48-hour fast on lemon and water. gradually returning to a health diet over the week. The normal regimen covers four treatments a day. all included in the tariff, with saunas, steam baths, massages and perhaps a mud bath. Single room prices at Inglewood start at £295 per week, three-day breaks from

The Tyringham Naturopathic Clinic at Newport Paguell offers alternative medicine as the basis. of the treatment. Fasting is permitted and vegetarian diets available, while treatments in clude acupuncture, inhalation. osteopathy and stress-release sessions. The clinic prefers clients to come ou medical recommendation and stay for a minimum of one week. Facilities include an indoor and outdoor heated pool. tennis, badminton, and a wide range of beauty treatments. Prices start at £179 per person per week, rising to £413.

Finally, moving north, the Brooklands Country House Health Farm near Preston offers an all-in price for full-board accommodation and a wide range of treatments. Other facilities at this pleasant country house include a Turkish bath and steam room, a solarium, a range of exercise machines, tennis, and an indoor pool. Prices here for one week, inclusive of treatments, start at £713 for a seven-night stay. Five and three-day breaks are also available.

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● For brochures and further information contact: Champneys at Tring, Hertfordshire (0442 873155); Grayshott Hall, Hindhead, Surray (042873 4331); Shrubland Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk (0473 830404); Forest Mere, Liphock, Hampshire (0428 722051); Cedar Falls, Taumon, Somerset (0823 433233); Flagdale Hall, Melton Mowbray. Hall, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire (0664 434831); Lecesters in (1004 434831);
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SNOW HEPOHT

Skiers this week found them- Val d'Isère: Good skiing on selves between a rock and flattish glacier sector; snowhard place as resort directors making just holding its own stretched the term "skiing" against rocks elsewhere. over unprecedentedly thin ice. Trois Vallees (Meribel, Courwhat lollows is a guide to the best of a bad lot. Uncited sectors of the following resorts Les Menuires: Profiting from may also be "open", but

unmentionably so. Zermatt: Long, "quite good" runs on hard artificial snow in two upper sectors. St Moritz: Good early season

snow, off piste "possible". Verbier: Good natural snow on T-bar section of glacier.

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book them individually and,

within very broad limits, the visit

can be as busy or as relaxed as the

client wishes. That said, there are

considerable variations between

health farms, both in the range of

facilities on offer and the approach

they take to the serious business of

Champneys, near Tring in

Hertfordshire, was the first proper

health farm, established in 1925 in

a house that once belonged to the

Rothschilds. Visits here, as else-

where, begin with a consultation with the medical sister and a

dietician, who weigh the guest in

and provide a basic regimen for

the rest of the stay. There is a full

range of facilities, pool, gym, exercise room, and a vast range of

treatments - including the sea-weed body wrap (£25) - and

advice on back pain and how to

stop smoking, plus fresh-air activ-

ities including cycling, walking and horse-riding. There are two

dining-rooms, one for the weak-

willed on strictly controlled diets.

the other for those who can resist

the puddings without too much

effort. There are evening talks and

lectures, usually on some health-

related topic. A new feature for the

sorts closed. snowmaking. Chamonix: Les Grands Montets and crevasses open only to skiers with a guide.

St Anton: Two long top to bottom runs on artificial snow reported good early in the day.

Soviet Union

Reach for the (alpine) sky

the air. Dave, a farmer from Herefordshire, likes to keep his feet on the ground. All three, along with two French speakers who make up the quorum of the debutant class at Verbier's Centre Parapente, are refugees from the pistes.

Each has shelled out £60 for an "initiation day" into para-**Doug Sager** gliding or, as it is called in the Alps, parapente. It is a high-risk, high-reward alternative to skiing. And for many frustrated skiers it is the only eame in town.

Claude Ammann, director of the Verbier school, issues every client with a helmet and a chute appropriate to body weight. We hike a few hundred metres up to the school's gentle beginners' slope. On the way Claude delivers a brief lecture on the history and development of the sport.

In the past five years, since the chutes first appeared in Verbier, Swiss designer Laurent de Kalbermatten has developed sails which will soer nearly seven horizontal metres for every metre lost vertically to gravity.

All this is inspiring to the beginners trying to make sense of the tangle of strings and the seeming acres of canopy (about 20 square metres) they have pulled out of their rucksacks. Claude patiently explains the mysteries of front nisers, rear risers, brakes and sit-down harness, while another instructor does it all in French to make sure no one is left unclued.

I observe that the pace of teaching is much more deliberate, the instructor more inclined to hands-on rehearsal of every movement, than when I first flew a few years ago. Claude explains that the Swiss licensing authorities, alarmed by a 70 per cent increase in serious accidents over the past year, have issued

tougher teaching guidelines.

Anyone thinking of trying parapente this winter should note that the Swiss standards are the most stringent in the world. But schools differ widely in the experience of their instructors, in the age and quality of school chutes, and in the suitability of the local terrain for teaching.

Veteran of nearly 5,000 flights, Claude does not hesitate to tell prospective clients when parapente is not for

"If you are just out for a good time, you are most likely to have a bad experience," he warns. He has deliberately raised his prices 30 per cent this year to discourage the uncommitted. "I don't want

ary and Kathy, veteran chalet girls, are

Skiers who are frustrated at the lack of and landing sites. snow should learn a new winter sport such as paragliding, Doug Sager writes

> Henries?" he says flatly. He will not bad-mouth any particular school, but I interpret his "there are some good schools in Austria" as ungrudging and his raised evebrows over French laissezfaire methodology as warning signals. What really angers him are the idiots who try to learn on their own outside a school, or the unlicensed cowboy instructors who, he says, are responsible for the great

majority of accidents. We are interrupted by shouts of "Claude." from all over the field, as the fledgelings are finally ready to spread their wings. Every stu-dent is seemingly suspended at the foot of the brightly Dave. Sweltering in an inout-

"Relax!" he urges Mary. She manages a weak grin as Claude carefully checks the suspending . strings for ness and risers for twists. The sail is

stretched.

laid upsidedown on the uphill terrain immediately behind the pupil, with the outside edges slightly curled into a horseshoe arc. The idea is that by

of the chute will be pulled up into the air and the cylindrical cells inflated to create a solid anxiously. Claude adjusts the two brightly coloured paddles rear risers resting on Mary's to guide pupils into turns and shoulders and says, "I'm going to tell them exactly when to to tell you exactly when to run.

Be aggressive. Go!" Mary arches her back, the chute rises with a loud crackle matter of gently tugging on the of nylon into the still, summer-like air. "Run, run!" Claude shouts. But the resistance of the canopy in the air makes it hard for petite Mary to gain momentum.

As soon as she is underway, Claude, running along at her shoulder, yells: "Let go the front risers! Keep running,

these, what you call, Hooray a life of its own, lifting each step higher off the ground until Mary is just skimming

the surface. "Now pull on the brakes!" Claude shouts. And the kite comes billowing down on a winded, wound-up and jubilant new convert to parapente. "I hate instructors who don't run along with their

pupils." Claude confides as we trudge along with Mary to the top of the hillock, her sail furled around her like a butterfly's wings. This must be part of the new concern because nobody ever ran with me. Running exercises continue coloured rectangle of sail by sulated ski suit. Dave looks as dozens of spider's-web strings, if he would like to take more 🛚 than his head-

gear off. The thermometer in the sun reads 30°C. "The conditions here are just too good," Claude remarks wearily. 'We've had six weeks of perfect weather." noon the class is bussed up the mountain for its first flight. The school guarantees a firstday flight of

some vertical me-Lift-off: paraglider at work running forward with arms good day a quick learner may outstretched, the leading edge make a grand vol of more than 1,000 vertical metres down into the valley floor,

I wait, camera ready, down at the school landing zone, "OK, Claude?" Mary asks where Claude is armed with haul on the brakes for the landing stall.

In the air, turning is an easy brakes. Judging how to approach the field and when to pull up is an acquired skill. At the end of the day, Mary

is judged ready for a long flight into the already dark valley. Kathy is not. Claude confers with two other instructors on whether Mary's beginner chute is big enough to carry longer steps!" As she paddles her light weight over the high down the hill, the sail takes on tension wires running down

accomplished pilot, flies chase parapente as she lifts off from 2,300m. He can see that, having lost altitude in a necessary turn, she is too low. for the wires. Peter can see Mary checking the terrain below for emergency landing fields. Flying parallel with the electric lines, Mary eventually comes to a dip in the terrain which enables her to cross the wires safely.

At the landing zone, Claude is visibly impressed and congratulatory. "Nothing is more important to good flying than a cool head," he insists. "Where's Peter?" Mary

asks. Claude and I have been watching Peter sink like a rock, despite radical efforts to pull out of a gentle stall by advancing his leading edge. Fortunately, he lands in an Later analysis shows a

tired" chute. After more than 100 flights, the strings have deformed to alter the wing configuration, sinking

Next day, Peter is out flying the latest Genair 26, which so impresses him ("flies like a Rolls-Royce", he enthuses) that he snaps it up for £800. Not to be outdone, Mary enrols for the full course of flying and theory lessons leading to the Swiss federal licence (£500). It may be fun, but it ain't chean.

TRAVEL NOTES

 Paragliding is a thriving business at most large ski resorts. Many, however, do not offer the south-facing unobstructed gradual slopes which make Verbier the acknowledged paradise of alpine parapenting. Zermatt and Saas Fee do not have schools. Chamonix is difficult, even for experts. Val d'Isère and the Ariberg region in Austria offer good possibilities. Courchevel is criticized for issuing flying licences somewhat precipitately.

 Most package holiday insurance policies specifically exclude parapente. If you join the Swiss Federation of Voi Libre (£6) you are elicible for an annual policy offering £400,000 medical coverage for a £400 premium. in normal winters, takeoffs and landings on skis vastly reduce chances of injury. But to get an official licence you must take the test without skis, on bare ground. The Centre Parapente in Verbier is the oldest and biggest in Switzerland. Instructors speak English. Write to: Claude Ammann, Verbier, Switzerland.

TRAVEL NEWS

panies, including Sovereign, cabin the price is £769 all Enterprise, Thomas Cook, Kuoni, Inghams, P & O Air Holidays, PGL Young Adven-Budapest, Prague and Warsaw ture and Cosmos, have had their surcharge proposals approved by the Association of British Travel Agents. As ABTA members, the com ies are pledged to absorb the first 2 per cent of cost increases, and the surcharges apply to only some destina-

Only a small proportion of mainly long-haul package holidays is affected by rising aviation fuel prices. Most holidays are covered by tour operators' no-surcharge guarantees. A newcomer this week to the growing number of companies which promise no surcharges is Caribbean Connection (01-631 4482).

tions and departure dates in

the companies' programmes.

◆ The Stella, a working boat. converted into a hotel, will be making three spring cruises in The Netherlands and Belgium between March and May. Perts of call on the week-long voyages include Haariem, Kenkenhof, Delft, Rotterdam,

Surcharges are back on the Gouda, Aalameer and holiday scene. Nearly 40 com- Maarsen. For a shared twin

> have been organized by Island Sun (0293 547300). In-flight meals and a city sightseeing tour are included for £159. Air Europe is offering a twofor-the-price-of-one deal on! business class flights before February 12 to Brussels Paris, Munich and Geneva Brussels costs £194, Paris

£204, Munich £266 and Ge-

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old and new

s I stepped on board the Cubana flight in Paris, a chunk of aeropiane door clattered to my feet. The air hostesses giggled beiplessly. Inside, the air-conditioning belched dry ice into the cabin and we groped for our seats like unwilling extras in a heavy metal video. The plane arrived in Havana next day, but only half of the luggage did. The Cuban experience is unmistakable from the beginning, two parts laughter to one part confusion with a twist of anarchy. I headed for Cuba intending

to do some work, which proved foolishly optimistic. Most projects having been put paid to by the cheerful daily greeting of the Press depart-ment, "Yes, we have no interviews today", there was no alternative but to settle down and enjoy the place.

Havana is a sort of capital for which one has to steel oneself, so I put a first foot gingerly into the old town, a melancholy place, full of echoes of past splendour, its pleasures are sharp, louche, and mainly accompanied by alcohol, the ideal milieu for getting rid of any aestheticism that might have been unwittingly accumulated over the

have tried to eat at the Bodeguita del Media, the haunt of Hemingway, Greene and the assorted literary goodtimers who washed up in the Caribbean. You are offered a minty mobito cocktail while you wait for a table and, like the first pomegranate seed in Hades, you are trapped at the bar for the rest of the evening. The table never materializes, but after two mobitos no one

Many are the lost souls who

rrol Flynn called the Bodeguita "the best place to get drunk", and he should have known. Hemingway scrawled his personal credo on and the standard of the wall: "My daiquiri in the The the property FM & Floridita, my mobito in the

> Hemingway, probably be-cause he was one of the few gringos as laid back as themselves. He enjoyed semimythical status on the island. but his books are nowhere to tound, Cuban bookshops being stocked almost exclusively with the minor works of Lenin and Engels remaindered by the rest of the Eastern

There are queues for everything in Havana, even to join other queues. They provide a splendid excuse for dawdling in the sun and chatting to Cubans who, once the formalities of "You change money?" and "Give me chewing gum" are accomplished, are open to chit-chat on most topics, ex-cept, at the moment, the uncertain future of their leader. At the Coppelia ice-cream

garden waiting time for a cone averages an hour, after which time the ico-cream runs out. Cubans, well versed in the vagaries of supply, celebrate their victory by buying two cones at once. The ice-cream is delicious, one of Cuba's few culinary triumphs. What is it about socialism that produces

such heavenly ice-cream in the

midst of economic disaster? Hotels range from the faded glory of the Inglaterra, with its stuccoed ceilings as high as the heavens, to the exquisitely tasteless Riveria, built like most of Havana's modern hotels with Mafia money in the 1950s. Meyer Lansky cooked his various nefarious books from here while appearing modestly in the accounts

CUBA

the Revolution, schoolchildren swarm in riotous assembly. Clad in mustard yellow with red kerchiefs, they learn noisily about the "interventions, provocations and imperialist aggressions" of Cuban history. Ronald Reagan has pride of place in the Rogues' Gallery, caricatured

nening the Revolution". The museum is a treasure the handmaidens of the Revolution ran up their heroes' uniforms and the jacket worn by Fidel Castro on his triumphal entry into Havana

'As we stumbled into breakfast, the locals were already clinking tumblers brimming with rum'

preserved as a relic. The children pause solemnly in front of outsize pictures of Castro and his fellow rebels, most of whom bear a dis-concerting resemblance to the young Buddy Holly. Suitably re-educated, I headed for Santiago de Cuba at the far tip of the island, the cradle of the Revolution, driving along Cuba's main highway. It is a vast expanse of pot-holed four-lane road largely bereft of cars, with horse-drawn carts occupying the inside lane and oggers pounding up the cen-

tral reservation. I stopped in the seaside town of Cienfuegos, home to an improbable Moorish mu-seum with a roof terrace bravely dispensing cocktails as strong as the sea winds which buffeted it. Neither the stuff nor the clientele seemed perturbed by a sudden electric storm and everyone carried

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usual. Downstairs at the grand piano, an ageing Ella Pitz-gerald look-alike with purple hair crooned Cole Porter to a dining-room packed with tipsy Russian functionaries.

Inland, it was tempting to linger longer than planned in Trinidad, a sleepy, elegant Spanish colonial town with in cowboy dress with the low houses painted in sugary pastels. Its central square is a message "Thank you, idiot, for relic of Fifties life, with emerald green, raspberry red and trove of revolutionary minu-shimmering pink Chevrolets tiae; keys to the Sierra Maestra and Buicks cruising in the safe houses displayed next to early evening to salsa music, the sewing-machines on which their drivers vocally admiring the generously proportioned local womanhood. "The Cuban shape," one explained to my companion, "big, nice". As we stumbled down to an

carly breakfast next day, the locals were already installed at the bar, clinking tumblers brimming with rum. As breakfast comprised the ubiquitous and terrifying glutinous cheese sandwich, they appeared to have made the better choice. Hoardings declared that

"The first duty of the Revolu-tion is work" which, given the extent of inactivity all around, may well have been one of Fidel Castro's practical jokes. The further one proceeds towards Santiago de Cuba, the more fervent the declarations

of socialist faith. The town

hall there delivers the ul-

timatum: "My country or death, socialism or death, Marxist-Leninism or death". naffected by such uncompromising openly in dollars on the street - still illegal

currency for most Cubans -

and old men play draughts at

tables on the pavement. No amount of socialism has sybarites of Santiago; it remains a town of rum and music. Rumba, salsa and Cuban jazz emanate from tiny bars with the clientele standing five deep in the road the early morning. No Caribbean holiday

TRAVEL NOTES

● Cubana (01-930 1138) files to Havana via Paris from £500.

● Regent Holidays of Bristol (0272 211711) offer tailormade holidays in a selection of hotels Latin American Tours

(01-499 3675) have tours to major resorts, as do Prospect Holidays (01-262 1676). ● Thomson (01-493 9191) is the only major tour operator to include Cuba in its

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a tourist card for entry, available from the Cuban Embassy in High Holborn (01-240 2488). It costs £10. Books: Cuba is now included in the South America Handbook (Trade and Travel Publications, £19.95). The minutiae of the Island is Guide by Andrew Gravette



the statutory period on a deserted beach. So we chose the island of Cayo Largo, an officially designated paradise for dollar tourists, where the staff are so polite - not a natural Cuban attribute — that they appear to be under threat

of the death penalty for rude-

enthusiasm to please. The seafood is good — giant

lobster, prawns and spicy fish - and the national motto, "It is not possible", is banned. A complaint that we had not had our full share of snorkelling time elicited a complete reCubans, apart from those drafted in to wait on for-

eigners' whims. A sort of pleasure Alcatraz, it is still mostly undiscovered, and the local crabs scuttle around the swimming pool in a last hopeless gesture of

arrive in larger numbers to ruin the place for ever.

Back in Havana, we spent a last long night at the Tropicana. Meyer Lansky's ghost surely stalks the palm trees at the open-air cabaret, the most excessive spectacle of

on earth. The compere announced that the Tropicana is what became of the Garden of Eden after the fall of man. And as as the Caribbean moon slowly emerged to outshine the rude electricals on the stroke of midnight, I thought he might well be right.



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the bicentenary
celebrations of the French
Revolution last year
seems far off as some of
the army of statues in
the Palais are shrouded in
protective plastic to
ward off the effects of cold
weather (which has
still not arrived) and the
destructive power of
acid rain.

The massive effort to spruce up France's historic monuments ahead of the 1789/1989 jamboree cost the state a small fortune in cleaning, remoulding, recasting and the generous application of gold leaf. Money well in sparkling condition for the army of tourists who flocked in to help with the celebrations at their cash behind to balance the huge French trade deficit.

Not that the French were uniformly enthusiastic about 1789 and all that. In Versailles, as elsewhere, there were complaints that bicentennial funds might better be spent on improvements to local facilities.

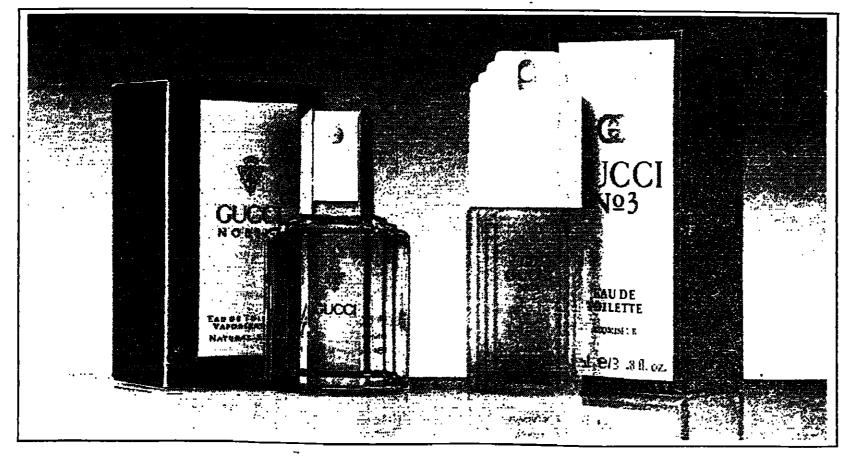
In any year, maintaining the Palais, with its 67 staircases, 352 chimneys, 2,000-plus windows, and 11 hectares of roof, is very much a full-time job. As for the 95 hectares of garden, in which these carefully wrapped staines now stand so forlornly, their greatest glory may have long departed, but when the plastic comes off in the spring, the tourists will assuredly be back.

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